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Jake leads out teams at Principality Stadium

St Nicholas pupils, pictured here with the Military Wives Choir, recently represented the school at the National Field of Remembrance at Cardiff Castle. See more pictures and a full report on page 29.

Jake Williams, flanked by rugby greats Alun Wyn Jones and Michael Hooper.

COWBRIDGE boy Jake Williams (*pictured above*) proudly led out the teams for the opening Under Armour Series 2017 clash between Wales and Australia and Principality Stadium last Saturday.

Jake, who lives in Llanblethian, plays inside centre for his school team as well as Cowbridge under-13s coached by Richard Calcaterra, Pete John, Dr Richard Jones, as well as former Wales international Derwyn Jones.

This coaching dream team steered the boys to victory in the inaugural Cowbridge Rugby Festival last season.

When asked about his experience on Saturday, Jake said: "Rugby is a huge part of my life and it was an honour and privilege to lead the teams out.

"Singing the anthem next to Alun Wyn Jones on the pitch is a moment which will remain with me for the rest of my life."

Cowbridge 10k 'thrilled' with £7,200 total

THE organisers of the recent Cowbridge 10k event are thrilled that it raised a total of £7,200 for Cancer Research UK.

Record numbers took part this year, with 400 runners from across south Wales taking part.

The route designed by Simon Jones, the manager of Cowbridge Leisure Centre, which was partly on the road and partly cross-country, was also widely praised.

Speaking on behalf of Cowbridge 10k event, Anne Birt said: "We raised £7,200 and we are delighted with the figure. We feel that the event has now definitely earned its place in the Cowbridge calendar!

"We also want to thank The GEM for publicising the day, which made a real difference."

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Why has Council objected to the big wheel?

The 'Barry High' before its removal...

...and the site afterwards.

IT looks like the Vale Council, rather than 'turn the other cheek' to Henry Danter, have instead resorted to 'If thine eye offend thee, then pluck it out".

The two attached pictures show before and after views of the Ferris Wheel commonly known as the 'Barry High'.

Why demand the removal of this wheel because it is five feet taller than the previous one?

It seems as if the Vale Council are determined to thwart Mr Danter's attempts to improve the image and facilities of Barry Island.

Mrs Gina Burton, Barry.

As reported elsewhere in The GEM, a council spokesperson explained that planning permission was required for the installation of machinery over 25 metres in height and the new wheel fell into that category.

The spokesman said the council had to investigate breaches of planning control and informing Mr Danter was part of that process.

The spokesman said: "While it is open to the council to take enforcement action against any unauthorised development, to date none has been taken in relation to this site.

"Instead, the council will continue to try and work with the site owner to resolve these issues.

"In this spirit, we would welcome the submission of a planning application for the Ferris wheel to ensure it is safely positioned and adequate surface water drainage provided.

"So far, no planning applications for any of the unauthorised developments on the site have been forthcoming despite Mr Danter having been made aware of the breaches of planning control on previous occasions."

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'BARRY HIGH' IS A COUNCIL LOW

OH dear, the future of the Barry Island Ferris wheel development appears to be under threat from planners at the Vale Council.

It is not very often that I applaud the enthusiasm and efforts put forward by councillors like Lis Burnett (who was previously responsible for regeneration) but she, along with local MP Alun Cairns, took great trouble and pain to encourage Mr Henry Danter to take over the beleaguered and run-down fairground at Barry Island.

Mr Danter stepped in at what one supposes was the eleventh hour in order to save the park.

He promised a very large investment to secure the future of the park and fairground (up to £22m) and he was given the right to redevelop the park into something special, but this redevelopment did not fall totally within the remit of the Vale Council's planning policy.

Now, since the new Ferris wheel has been installed, it has obviously touched a nerve within council's planning department.

It is sad for Mr Danter and the public to see such a belligerent attitude from council planners to a much-needed redevelopment and regeneration plan for Barry Island.

On the other hand, we have had a very controversial decision approved by that very same council for Biomass UK No 2 Ltd to controversially erect a wood burning, refuse plant near the residential and commercial development land, which is alleged to be to the detriment of local opinion and to pose a risk to the health and safety of all the residents of Barry and the Vale.

The public and various action groups (in particular DIAG) vehemently oppose this incinerator development, yet it is still given the green light and would appear to be a done deal.

Maybe, therefore, we as Vale residents should oppose the plans for the continuing success of our 'Barry High' Ferris wheel, in which case our learned council planning officials would hopefully and traditionally ignore public opinion and let the Ferris wheel live out its natural life.

Barrie V Evans, Barry First Group Coordinator and FocusBARRY supporter.

GEM note: A Vale Council spokesperson has said that planning permission was required for the installation of machinery over 25 metres in height and the new wheel falls into that category. The council has said it wants to work with Mr Danter and has invited him to make the necessary planning application.

Jane Hutt has made a 'massive contribution'

IN The GEM of November 9, Nia Bhugari feels compelled to question Jane Hutt's service to Wales during her time in the Senedd.

I wonder whether this is just another of those who feel obliged to snipe at politicians whose political persuasion is different to their own – after all, Alun Cairns is frequently subject to some of the same.

I have never voted for Jane, but have tremendous admiration for her massive contribution both to the governance of Wales and to the citizens of the Vale over many years.

She has worked unstintingly for the good of all and I am sure will continue to do so, despite no longer occupying a place at the top table.

R Wheatley, Barry.

Volunteers who work hard for the Royal British Legion

THE Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal fortnight has finished and it all seems to have gone very smoothly.

I wonder how many people in Llantwit Major realise how much of a contribution is made by unpaid British Legion volunteers.

All the poppies, school packs, wreaths, pins, crosses, wrist bands and transfers have to be ordered well beforehand from the British Legion.

The collection boxes are sealed, labelled and delivered with the poppies going to shops, clubs, schools and pubs.

During the Poppy Appeal fortnight, with the kind permission of Mr Hunt, the volunteers sit in Filco supermarket from 10am to 1pm, manning the Poppy Appeal table. The money collected is counted and banked each day.

Before the service in the square by the war memorial, did anyone notice the two very wet Legion volunteers handing out order of service leaflets?

Now all the boxes from the shops, clubs, schools and pubs have to be collected, the money counted and banked. Then, each place is given a note informing them of how much money was in their box.

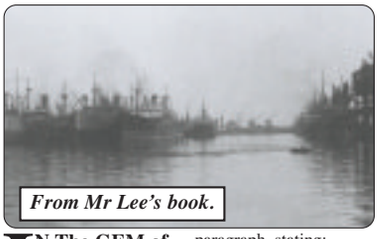
The volunteers should be finished in the next two weeks.

Next year is the 100th anniversary of the end of World War One; goodness only knows how much extra work that will generate.

How do know all this? I am married to one of those volunteers.

D C Geary-Andrews, Llantwit Major.

'Crossing the dock'



From Mr Lee's book.

IN The GEM of October 12, Brian Lee's letter only adds to the confusion around the much-repeated 'dock full' myth.

He writes of the myth: "Well, I wouldn't go as far as to say that," and then suggests a photograph from his book 'Cardiff's Vanished Docklands' shows the Queen Alexandra dock around 1920 – '... and it appears that one could easily have walked from one to the other.'

The photograph shows vessels laid-up and rafted in the middle of the dock during the Depression, with a wide stretch of water between the east side of the dock and the nearest vessel.

He adds further confusion in his third paragraph, stating: 'Cardiff had become the largest coal exporting port in the world,' and then: '...ships sailed in and out of the harbour,' without naming the harbour. Cardiff's tidal harbour disappeared in the 1860s.

Mr G Davies suggested, in the same edition, that I should log on to Captain Salter's *Flicker.com*. This I did: but did not find one photograph showing any dock so full of vessels that you could walk across the decks from one side of the dock to the other.

Still believing that it never happened; and if it did: when, where, and perhaps most importantly – why?

I eagerly await seeing a photograph or photographs.

AR Thorne, Cardiff.

Assurance sought from Welsh Government on dredging

WITH the construction of Hinkley 3 across the water, it is intended to dredge silt from the Channel and it is proposed to dump the English waste in Welsh waters.

Are the beaches this side of the Channel going to be affected by the tides fetching the silt on to our beaches?

Will the Welsh Government be giving our local councils assurances that this will not happen?

Ashley Wallace, Barry.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL NOVEMBER 23)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
16 Thur	04.53	9.3	17.12	9.5
17 Fri	05.32	9.5	17.52	9.6
18 Sat	06.09	9.7	18.29	9.8
19 Sun	06.43	9.7	18.59	9.8
20 Mon	07.17	9.9	19.31	9.7
21 Tues	07.48	9.5	20.04	9.4
22 Wed	08.19	9.3	20.37	9.2
23 Thur	08.53	9.0	21.09	8.8

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

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Cowbridge choir gets ready for Christmas

COWBRIDGE Male Voice Choir are building up to the annual Christmas concert under the baton of new musical director, Rhiannon M Williams.

They are learning some new numbers for the concert at Holy Cross Church on Friday, November 24 at 7.30pm.

Appearing with the choir this year will be Verity-Belle Atkinson. Verity lives in Cowbridge and is currently attending the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama.

The concert marks the opening of Holy Cross's Christmas Festival which runs from November 24 to 26. Tickets are £7.50 each from Sorrento Furnishers or David Barnes Dry Cleaners in Cowbridge or from the Parish Office in Holy Cross Church, or any choir member.

During December, the choir will be entertaining members of the Llantwit Major Dementia Café Group, and will be performing for residents at Southways, Cowbridge.

The choir is always looking for new members, so why not come and listen or join in on a Wednesday at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge, at 7.30pm where you will be made welcome? **FTM**

Local girl Verity-Belle Atkinson will be singing with the choir.

Choir welcomes sponsorship by local holiday company

COWBRIDGE Male Voice Choir has a new sponsor – Leisuretime, a provider of coach holidays to the UK and Europe, which operates from offices across south Wales.

The sposorship will help the choir to fund charity concerts, transport and music.

Leon Fear, chairman of CMVC said: "This is a great partnership that can advance the cause of both organisations. We are very grateful to Leisuretime for their support and commitment."

Nathan Griffith-Williams, marketing manager for Leisuretime, said: "Leisuretime has been a long term admirer of the choir for its outstanding quality and varied repertoire – elements that we always aim to provide to our customers too."

Cardiff-based Leisuretime, winner of two awards at the 2016 British Travel Awards, operates coach holidays to destinations across the UK and Europe with coach joining points in south Wales, west Wales and the south of England. Customers can book a holiday in any one of their high street stores, over the phone, via the website or at one of Leisuretime's travel agent partners.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Cowbridge Art Society

ON November 16, Cowbridge Art Society opens its winter exhibition in Old Hall, Cowbridge.

It comprises members' art including paintings, prints, ceramics, Raku work, fused glass, work in felt and digital prints.

Almost all the work is for sale at very affordable prices. The exhibition will run until December 19 and is open during the usual opening hours of the Old Hall. To confirm opening times, call 01446 773831.

On November 23, the society welcomes marine artist Nick John Rees whose work is held in both private and public collections throughout the world.

The society welcomes artists of any level. The group meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge (7pm–9pm) and occasional visitors and new members are most welcome. For details of the society's programme and activities s e e www.cowbridgeartsociety.com and www.facebook.com/cowbridgeart.cas.

Coffee morning

ST ILLTYD'S Church, Llantrithyd, is holding its annual coffee morning from 10.30am to 12 noon on Saturday, November 25, at the Old Rectory Llantrithyd, by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Alan Meredith.

There will be cake stands, tea and coffee, Christmas items and a raffle. All proceeds will go to church funds. All very welcome; entry £5 on the door.

Panto time in town

THE Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council is happy to announce, that once again, there is to be pantomime in the Town Hall, Cowbridge, this year on Saturday December 9.

Doors open at 5pm, with the performance commencing at 5.30pm. It will last approximately two hours.

This year's production is *Aladdin*, and will be presented by a touring company of professional actors from The Panto Bus Company.

The town council has once again decided to support the pantomime as a community event by keeping the price of tickets to £5, with no concessions.

Tickets are now on sale from the Town Clerk's office in the Town Hall, Cowbridge, Monday to Friday 9am to 1pm, or from David Barnes Dry Cleaners on the High Street, Cowbridge, Monday to Saturday 8.30am to 5pm.

Bring your camera along with you, as the cast will be available at the end of the performance in full costume for photo calls with you and your children at no extra cost.

The only light refreshments available on sale will be ice creams during the interval. Everyone is welcome to bring their own drinks and snacks.

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The Fallen: remembered not just on one Sunday, but on all days

PHOTOGRAPHS by MIKE WILCOCK

THE names of five more sons of Cowbridge – although three of them were in the Canadian Infantry – who died in World War One were added to the town's war memorial in time for Remembrance Sunday on November 12.

Rain did little to dissuade the crowds from turning out in force to – with members, serving and former, of HM Armed Forces, cadets, as well as the emergency services, and those in the Scouting and Guides movements – pay their respects.

On Saturday, Armistice Day was observed. *See page 29 for photographs taken at 11am on the 11th.*

FIREWORKS AT LLANTWIT RFC

IMAGES by KELLEY HOWLETT-BOOTH

LLANTWIT MAJOR RFC held a fireworks night on November 5.

Local photographer Kelley Howlett-Booth captured these striking images.

NOSON LAWEN IN OGMORE VALE

HEATHER and friends invite everyone to an evening of music and poetry at Christchurch Chapel, Corbett Street, Ogmore Vale, on Friday November 24 at 6.30pm.

Funds raised will go towards the purchase of a new organ for the chapel. No tickets, but a collection for donations will be taken during the evening. The evening also features the Ogmore Vale Ladies Choir, the Ogmore Vale Silver Band, singer Joe Sendell and others. Doors open 6pm.

Local artists join school's art auction

THE Old Wool Barn, Verity's Court, Cowbridge, was established in 1984 through the foresight of David John and Colwyn Jones.

Today's makers have put their support behind plans to build a new sixth form art studio at Cowbridge Comprehensive School (as reported in last week's GEM).

Three of the existing tenants first became interested in art and making while at school.

Maggie Andrews Porcelain, who has been at the Wool Barn for 33 years, has donated a piece of raku, which, as those of you who have been watching the *Great British Throwdown* will know, is fired using an ancient Japanese technique.

Nia Bennett is a letter carver and designer working in slate and stone, who made her first piece of lettering as a sixth former.

Aziz, the artist behind Godmachine, started drawing when he was eight years old and now has a client list to dream of.

Through their contacts with Vale of Glamorgan Artists (VOGA), they have also arranged for kind donations from Gwyneth Price, a retired art teacher and also a member of Sculpture Cymru, and from Sue Edwards, a painter and printmaker, who still teaches at the Old Hall, Cowbridge.

Students from Cowbridge Comprehensive taught by the staff in the art department may become successful artists or makers appearing in galleries and auction houses in the future, but it may have all started at the Bear Hotel on December 3, 2017.

For more details go to Facebook CCS Fine Art Auction. Tickets are available from Arboreal, John Ian, Beauty Within and CCS reception.

Nia Bennett

Wenvoe supports brave Romeo (6)

IN the run up to Christmas and the season of goodwill to all men, the people of Wenvoe are remembering one of their own who faces a lifetime of struggle.

Romeo Hadley is six years old, but when he was three, he suffered a life-threatening condition called purpura fulminans.

The only way surgeons in Cardiff could stop the infection spreading was to carry out a double amputation of his legs.

Romeo's mother and father, Katie and Jonathan, and his sister Seren (now 11), were naturally fearful for his future.

It was clear that Romeo would need help with things like prosthetic legs, wheelchair support and ongoing physiotherapy so a family friend Leanne Bourne started up a Go Fund Me 'Rally for Romeo' page.

Romeo Hadley.

This year, money raised at the raffle held at Wenvoe Christmas Craft Fair, organised by Glenys and Mike Tucker, will go to his continuing care.

Katie said: "The support we have had is very humbling – we can't thank people enough. Family, friends, our church, Wenvoe Primary School, those who made donations – they have all helped.

"People have been very generous and supportive. Without their help, it would be very daunting for us as parents."

Romeo is making excellent progress.

Katie explained: "He loves being with his friends and going to tea. He enjoys playing with the iPad and filming around the house. Sometimes it's like Big Brother.

"He goes to swimming lessons at Fontygary, and loves Friday night family films."

Wenvoe Christmas Craft Fair takes place on Sunday, November 26 at the village's community centre (10am to 4pm).

Romeo's fundraising page is www.gofundme.com/lzphe0. All funds contributed go towards equipment and Romeo's future care.

WI's plans for next year

THE November meeting of Ystradowen WI was back to our usual busy mix of business, chat and a speaker, after the success of our anniversary dinner in October.

This month's speaker was June Ellis, who talked to us about her experiences and practical application of complementary medicine.

She told us about her early life and her involvement in specialised diet, and we heard her views on drinking lots of water, eating short grain brown rice, the value of honey, cider vinegar and porridge oats.

It was a very thought-provoking talk in the light of the average diet of most of our members!

A vote of thanks was proposed and seconded for our president Jan Foyle in organising the October dinner, who replied by proposing that the wine left over from the dinner could be consumed at our Christmas celebrations in December.

Jan Foyle also told us that she had been invited to the 70th anniversary evening of Llanblethian WI in December.

We were also told that five Resolutions would be put to the national membership for consideration prior to the 2018 conference.

Some other dates for next year included a guided walk of Tewkesbury town, a driving awareness day and a walking holiday in north Devon, with a craft spectacular at Margam and a carol festival in Swansea on offer before Christmas.

Belonging to the WI offers both diversity and travel.

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POPPIES AT LLANFAIR

THE children of Llanfair Primary School made good use of some spare ground at the school, with the help of a ceramics company.

The children made ceramic poppies, which Sam Hayes from Dove Love Ceramics took to a kiln to fire and glaze.

Children from across the school were selected to lay the poppies.

The school wishes to thank Sam Hayes and Green Future Landscapes, who prepared the ground for the laying of the poppies.

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Etienne plans to brave the shave!

A YEAR-6 pupil at Llangan Primary School, 10 year-old Etienne Langlois, has decided to 'Brave the Shave' to raise money for disadvantaged children for this year's BBC Children in Need.

This is the second fundraising event for Etienne, as he took part in the Llantrisant 10K Walk for Macmillan Cancer Support early in September.

Tomorrow (Friday), Etienne will have all his hair shaved off, hoping to raise £300 for the BBC charity event.

He has already received over £100 in pledges, but would love to raise as much money as possible for this worthy cause.

"Not every child has a nice life, so if I can make a difference and make their life a bit better, it's worth having no hair for a while!" said Etienne.

If you would like to help him achieve his goal, you can do so by calling in to the Community College in Old Hall, Cowbridge, and filling in the BBC Children in Need sponsorship form.

Alternatively, you can give online by visiting his newly-set-up page at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/etienne-cowbridge

Etienne, pictured when he completed the 10K walk for Macmillan.

THE MAENDY YOUNG FARMERS BACK THEIR JUDGEMENT!

RIGHT: Maendy Young Farmers with their certificates.

MAENDY Young Farmers Club members have been hard at work, practising and critiquing for the recent annual Glamorgan YFC Stockjudging competition.

This year, the competition was hosted by Gower YFC, held at Little Hill farm and Cefn Stylle farm.

The club extends its sincere thanks to the trainers who provided guidance and training in preparation for the competition and also to the farms who kindly hosted the practices. Successful members will be selected to represent the county at Wales and national levels.

There was an early start on a crisp November morning, with members judging dairy, beef and lambs on the day. The concept is to judge a ring of four animals and place them first to last place, with reasons as to why this has been done.

Maendy YFC members excelled on the day with lots of certificates handed out.

Minutes secretary Lauren David was placed second in dairy and won first place in the lambs competition.

New members in club did very well too, with Nicholas Rees coming third in beef and winning the dairy competition. Craig Whittal gained a third in the lambs and Mike Burley was placed second in the beef competition.

To top the whole day off, chairman Kate Thomas won the coveted Senior Stockman Cup. This is for gaining the most points in all of the stockjudging competitions – a great achievement with the competition so high!

Focus now turns to the next round of competitions which is the Public Speaking Competition at Pendoylan Church In Wales Primary School on Sunday, December 3.

Members are also looking forward to a Christmas meal and competing in the annual pantomime competition in January.

More information about Maendy YFC, as well as details on how to join and get involved, can be found at maendy.yfc@gmail.com , by following them on Twitter and Instagram on@MaendyYFC and via the club's Facebook group, Maendy YFC.

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Kate Thomas received the Senior Stockman Cup.

How your town council works (part two)

THE introduction, written by the editor, to the recent first article about the Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council, indicated that these articles are written by a specific councillor. In fact, they are the initiative of the council as a whole.

In the first article, it was explained that the Council area comprises four wards: Cowbridge, Llanblethian East, Llanblethian West and Aberthin, and that 15 councillors represent these four wards.

Representing Cowbridge are Sian Vaughan (the current Mayor), Marian Arnold, Andrea Burges, Nicola Thomas and John Andrew.

Representing Llanblethian East are Terry Williams (the current deputy Mayor), Sue Cox, Jon Harris and Russell Downe.

Representing Llanblethian West are Gwen Baty, Geoff Cox, Alec Trousdell and Jamie Wallis.

Representing Aberthin are Dave Morris and Chris George. More details can be found on the council website *www.cowbridge-tc.gov.uk*

The number of electors in each of the four wards is Cowbridge 1,110, Llanblethian East 1,001, Llanblethian West 929 and Aberthin 309; in total 3,349.

The full council meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7pm. There are four standing committees – leisure and amenities, planning, finance and general purposes and town hall.

These committees meet on the first Monday and Tuesday of every month. The only time the Town Council does not meet is in August when it is in recess.

All meetings of the Town Council are open to the public and are advertised on its notice boards and website, www.cowbridge-tc.gov.uk. Agendas and Minutes of meetings are also available on the website.

The council is responsible for a number of assets in the town. These include the Town Hall, The Limes Cemetery, Holy Cross Churchyard, Twt Play Park and Llanblethian Playing Field.

Future articles will provide more details on these, on the workings of the council and its history.

Children are at the heart of Christmas in town

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THERE are just nine days to go until 'Llantwit Major Illuminations' and a full day of festive fun.

The special Christmas event takes place on Saturday, November 25.

As usual, the organisers are determined to make it as exciting for local children as possible with a visit to Santa's grotto and the promise of a free gift.

Liz Evans, secretary of the events committee, said children were uppermost in their minds when they planned the event.

"From 2pm at the town hall car park, there will be children's rides, food and charity stalls.

"There is also a full stage line-up with a variety of acts which leads up to the switching on of Llantwit Illuminations at 7pm.

"There will be a free children's area upstairs in the town hall which has been sponsored by Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions, and includes balloon modelling, face painting, glitter tattoo and crafts.

"Father Christmas arrives at 3pm with a free gift for every child.

"The lantern parade is leaving the Precinct (Filco end) at 6.30pm to arrive at the town hall car park by 7pm for the switching on.

"There have been various themes over the years, but this time the decision was that it should be Christmas.

"The children are decorating lanterns this Sunday at the Rugby Club from 2pm until 3.30pm, and then 4pm until 5.30pm – it costs £5 a lantern and there are limited spaces available, so it is advisable to get in touch with the organisers."

(See link at end of article).

Liz praised the Rugby Club, and Llantwit Major Arts and Craft Group which hosts the lantern workshop, as examples of community spirit at their very best.

Christmas visitors should also bear in mind that the day actually kicks off in the morning – the Precinct is hosting a craft market from 10am until 4pm.

Liz added: "The events committee has struggled over the past few months because Roger passed away and we've had health issues with two other key members of the small committee; however, we've been overwhelmed by the new volunteers who have stepped up to help us after a heartfelt plea for help."

If people are interested in the lantern workshops, see 'Llantwit Major Christmas Lanterns' on Facebook: www.facebook.com/events/124612241548470/

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COMMUNITY NEWS

TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL

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News from Llangan School

On November 10, pupils of Llangan took part in a food hygiene workshop funded by the Food Standards Agency in Wales.

This included a workshop where pupils learned about cooking, cleaning and cross-contamination.

On November 16 some of the KS2 pupils will be attending the Tramshed in Cardiff to take part in a Lego workshop.

Young At Heart Club

MEMBERS of the club were pleasantly surprised on Thursday of last week - when entering the hall, members found the hall had been decorated a pleasing cream colour.

It is now ready for the Christmas activities to take place. On December 3, Saron Chapel Christmas fair will take place from 10am–12.30pm. There will be lots of stalls: books, raffles, Christmas gifts and, of course, the welcome cup of tea or coffee.

U3A strollers go off the rails!

A PARTY of 26 Cowbridge U3A Strollers met recently in Whitchcurch, Cardiff for a walk led by Val along the cutting of the disused railway line between Coryton and Tongwynlais.

This was part of the Cardiff Railway Company's route that stretched from Cardiff to Treforest and was the brainchild of the third Marquess of Bute, who wanted to break the Taff Vale Railway's near monopoly on coal transportation from the Rhondda Valley mines.

The Marquess and his company were, however, outmanoeuvred by the rival railway, which had possession of a vital strip of land near Pontypridd. Instead of a busy freight route, the line operated only a reduced passenger service, with poor profits eventually leading to the closure of the railway north of Coryton station in 1952.

The pedestrian route thus created is totally enclosed and tranquil for most of the year, except in spring when there is a noisy heronry in some of the trees above the path.

The return leg of the walk was across Whitchurch Meadows, a hidden plateau of extensive, uncultivated grassland between the railway cutting on one side and, far below, the Glamorganshire Canal on the other.

Unfortunately this area, designated in the past as a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation by Cardiff Council, is likely to be lost when the planned Velindre Cancer Centre is constructed.

There will also be an impact on the disused railway line which is likely to become a busy cycle route, if not a vehicular access one.

The walk of 1.7 miles was followed by an excellent value carvery at the Hollybush Inn. These strolls combine exercise and social activity perfectly.

See www.u3asites.org.uk/cowbridge.

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YOUTH SERVICE RIGHTS AMBASSADORS HAVE BUSY UNITED NATIONS DAY

MEMBERS of the Vale Youth Service Rights Ambassadors Project, supported by Vale Council, were part of two special events for United Nations Day.

On October 24, they co-hosted the annual Vale Super Ambassadors Summit at Barry Memo with representatives of the Children's Commissioner for Wales, Professor Sally Holland.

Following the summit, Rights Ambassadors attended a presentation where they received Millennium Volunteer certificates for their 50, 100, and 200 hours of volunteering from Vale Council cabinet member for learning and culture, Bob Penrose and Deputy Mayor and youth champion, Leighton Rowlands.

The Rights Ambassadors received their certificates at a ceremony recently.

The summit, planned by the young people, which brought together children who are Super Ambassadors for the Children's Commissioner for Wales in their primary schools, had its highest-ever turnout.

They completed a special mission each term that enabled primary pupils to directly feed into Professor Holland's work.

The Vale Rights Ambassadors' project is funded by the Children and Young People's Partnership and run by the Vale Youth Service. It enables young people from across the Vale to receive accredited training on the UNCRC and to undertake work as the Children's Commissioner's Community Ambassadors in the Vale.

"The Vale Rights Ambassadors are really important ambassadors for my work," said Professor Holland.

Cllr Rowlands added: "I'm confident that the skills gained in volunteering has helped participants develop and will benefit them as they continue education and move into the world of work."

Since 2014, Rights Ambassadors have accumulated 2,650 volunteering hours and enabled 8,628 children and young people in the Vale to hear about their rights as listed in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).

Cowbridge Country Market

JOIN us for a taste of Christmas on Friday, November 17 (9.30am-11.30am) in the Lesser Hall, Cowbridge, for lots of Christmas treats including mince pies, sweets and nibbles and Billy's Bread of Llanblethian.

There will be a large display of Christmas crafts, including silver jewellery, cards and lots more.

Dead good day at college

Student Diego Cotera raised funds for the Mexican Earthquake Appeal.

CARDIFF and Vale College A-Level student Diego Cotera has raised more than £300 for victims of the recent earthquake in Mexico by organising a special *Dia de los Muertos* – Day of the Dead – celebration at the College.

Departments and students from across the college joined forces to help 18-year-old Diego, who lives in Cardiff but is originally from Mexico. The College's International Department supported the event.

More than £300 was raised from CAVC staff and students, which will go to the Mexican Earthquake Appeal.

"I wanted to raise money and my parents encouraged me to think about a Day of the Dead event to raise funds for people affected by the earthquake that recently happened in Mexico," Diego said.

"I spoke to the International Department and they helped. I didn't think it would be as big as this – they provided so much support and were always helping out with ideas. I would like to thank everyone who helped and took part."

Mayor attends local charity evening for Rohingya Appeal

THE Shahi Noor Tandoori, High Street, Barry ran a charity evening for the Rohingya Emergency Appeal on Wednesday evening, November 8.

The Mayor and Mayoress of Barry, Cllrs Nic and Shirley Hodges, attended and said: "It was a pleasure to attend and support raising funds. More than 600,000 Rohingya people have crossed over to Bangladesh. They are living in terrible conditions and need life-saving assistance now.

"Many are without shelter or clean water. This is a humanitarian emergency and needs your help."

GVS's conference in Cowbridge

DELEGATES from far and wide gathered at the Bear Hotel, Cowbridge to celebrate National Trustees Week.

Organised by Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS), the conference was opened by Cllr Janice Charles, Mayor of the Vale Glamorgan. The Mayor praised the work of GVS and emphasised the value of volunteers and volunteering in our wider society.

Keynote speaker, Sir Stephen Wall (former UK Permanent Representative to the European Union) spoke about Brexit and its likely impact on the third sector. Sir Stephen, a trustee of three charities, also spoke about the impact Brexit is already having on the three charities.

Dr Mair Rigby from Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA) spoke about the new Charity Governance Code.

Clive Curtis from GVS said: "This conference was an ideal opportunity to let voluntary and community organisations hear from the experts. We were pleased to have Sir Stephen Wall with us.

"Following the tremendous success of both Big Volunteering fairs this year, Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS) will be hosting a Mini Volunteering Fayre in Cowbridge Lesser Hall on Thursday, November 23 from 11am to 2pm.

"Come along to the fayre to embark on a new adventure as a volunteer and open up a world of opportunities. Volunteering is a good way to get to know your community better, meet new people, and gain new experiences. You'll also boost your chances of finding paid work."

If you would like to attend, just come along on the day and a warm welcome is guaranteed. Contact Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS) on 01446 741706, enquiries@gvs.wales, or www.gvs.wales for further information.

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Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2016/01518/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Proposed recycling facility
Location:/Lleoliad: Wenvoe Quarry, Wenvoe

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2017/01080/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Variation to condition 5 of planning permission 2015/00031/OUT to include fire tank and building as well as relocation of parking
Location:/Lleoliad: Barry Port Biomass Plant, David Davies Road, Barry

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2017/01136/HYB
Proposal:/Cynnig: Hybrid application comprising Full application for residential development for 215 units, highways and drainage infrastructure and associated landscaping; and Outline application in respect of the community and recreational use zone.
Location:/Lleoliad: Former St. Cyres Lower School, Murch Road, Dinas Powys

Details may be inspected for 21 days at the address given below, or via **http://vogonline.planning-register.co.uk/**

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WELSH COUNCIL PARKING 'PROFITS' NUDGE HIGHER

LOCAL authorities in Wales made a combined surplus – or 'profit' – of £14 million on their parking activities in the last financial year, it is reported.

The figure for 2016-17 was 1.4 per cent higher than the £13.8 million surplus made in 2015-16.

The rise was the fourth consecutive annual increase.

Between them, the 22 councils in Wales had parking income of £37.4 million in 2016-17, 4.5 per cent higher than the previous financial year.

Income includes on- and off-street parking charges and penalty charges.

Total expenditure on running parking activities was £23.4 million, a 6.4 per cent increase on the previous financial year.

The total surplus is the difference between the income and expenditure figures.

Steve Gooding, director of the RAC Foundation, said: "The latest data shows there have been above-inflation increases in both council-parking income and expenditure across Wales. This has led to a relatively small rise in overall profits.

"Unsurprisingly, the big numbers are associated with Cardiff and Swansea and underline the high demand for spaces in larger cities with more traffic to regulate.

"Places like Cardiff will not only be attracting local people but guests from around the country and beyond, so it is important that policy makers balance the management of congestion through parking charges with the need to make the city accessible and affordable for first-time and returning visitors.

"We were pleased to see it reported this week that Cardiff Council has invested in 3,300 parking bay sensors which link to an app that drivers can use to help locate free spaces."

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VALEWAYS GUIDED WALKS

ON Friday, November 17, meet at 10am at The Red Fox pub in Penllyn for a walk on Penllyn Moors.

On Wednesday, November 22, meet at Gorsaf Reilfford y Rhws/Rhoose Railway Station at 10.15am for a Trwyn y Rhws/Trains, Boats and Planes walk.

On Wednesday, November 22 at the Coffee Shop Strollers of Cosmeston meet at 10.30am at the visitor centre of Cosmeston Country Park. The Llantwit Major Coffee Shop Strollers meet the same day at 2.30pm at the Town Hall car park in Llantwit.

Welsh fortnight-long firearms amnesty began last Monday

SOUTH Wales Police is calling on the public to hand in unwanted guns as part of a national two-week surrender of firearms and ammunition, which began on Monday, November 13, 2017.

Many firearms are held in innocence and ignorance of their illegality or are overlooked and forgotten in people's homes.

Others are acquired and distributed by criminal networks to harm, threaten and intimidate their local communities.

The surrender gives people the chance to dispose of firearms or ammunition by simply taking them to a local police station and handing them over.

Surrendering unwanted, unlicensed weapons avoids the risk of them becoming involved in criminality and means that members of the community can dispose of firearms in a safe place.

During that period, those surrendering firearms will not face prosecution for the illegal possession upon surrender and can remain anonymous.

Chief Inspector Daryl Fahey of South Wales Police specialist operations said: "The fight against gun crime is stronger than ever and we are working with partners and our local communities to safeguard, educate and intervene at the earliest opportunity.

"We use various tactics to locate weapons that have fallen into the wrong hands – but we need the public's help. We want as many weapons as possible and would encourage people to hand them in.

"If you know where a weapon is being kept illegally, now is your chance to give up the gun, or tell us anonymously where it is. You will not be prosecuted and you could save a life.

Weapons and ammunition can be surrendered at any one of our eight staffed police stations. Anyone handing in a firearm, ammunition or any other weapon during the surrender is advised to check the opening times of their station by visiting the police website, chat to us over social media or calling 101.

If you know of people involved in illegal firearms, call police on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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372 Squadron's visit to battlefields and memorials

No 1 Welsh Wing at the Thiepval Memorial (to the missing soldiers, more than 72,000, of the Somme).

ELEVEN Air Cadets from 372 (Barry) Squadron recently travelled to Europe to pay homage to those soldiers who lost their lives fighting for their countries in the great wars, along with Air Cadets from Squadrons from No 1 Welsh Wing.

The visit took place over a long weekend and encompassed the war memorials and battlefields of Ypres Salient, in Belgium and the Somme, in France.

The cadets stayed as guests of the Belgium Army in Ypres and during their time were able to parade with members of the local fire brigade, performing the moving Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate.

As a sign of the greatest respect, the cadets laid poppy wreaths on behalf of the Royal British Legion and 372 (Barry) Squadron.

Cadet Calum Dowdell said: "We also went to Thiepval on the Somme to see where the fierce fighting took place. When you stand on the battlefields, it's amazing to think that in July 1916 this is where so many soldiers fought and died."

Of course the cadets are fully aware of the consequences of war for every nation involved and they also made time to pay their respects at the Canadian War Memorial, Vimy Ridge and the memorial at Thiepval, which is dedicated to the missing men, moe than 72,000, of the Somme.

The cadets also paid their respects to the war dead at the following cemeteries: Tyne Cot, Passchendaele, and Langemarck. The cadets also visited the new Welsh Memorial in Flanders at Langemarck.

Officer Commanding 372 Squadron, Flight Lieutenant Jason Horton, concluded: "It was a very busy few days with an enormous amount of travelling.

"However, the cadets all felt that it was a worthwhile and emotional experience. Seeing the battlefields and memorials at first hand brings history closer to our present and not just left in the past.

"These men who died for their countries will not be forgotten by these cadets. This visit was kindly supported by a Barry Town Council grant for local organisations."

The cadets who experienced this visit were: Luke Beecham, Calum Dowdell, Rhys Horton, Rhian Horton, Gethin Lodge, Natasja Gill, Lewys Blanc, Alex Cheeseley, Michael May, Kelton Bindley and Coffie Smith.

The Air Cadets are now looking forward to an action packed and challenging training programme including flying, gliding, shooting, sport, Duke of Edinburgh, leadership training and aviation related visits.

If you have a spirit for adventure, 372 Squadron has vacancies for boys and girls between 12 (and in school year 8) –17 years old.

The Squadron parades on Mondays and Wednesdays 7pm – 9.30pm behind Adams Funeral Parlour on Gladstone Road (by the Memorial Hall) or you can contact the Squadron on 07941 612695, email oc.372@aircadets.org.uk or visit www.372 squadron.org.uk for more information.

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ABOVE: Sergeant Rhys Horton and Cadet Rhian Horton (with wreaths) for the* Last Post *ceremony at the Menin Gate.

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Not a great year for honey, but a good one for bees – *AND THAT'S WHAT REALLY MATTERS*

WITH temperatures from 10ºC to 16ºC and the sun not yet deserting us, all of the colonies are sending out foragers regularly and the pollen and nectar they are returning with is almost certainly being collected from the ivy.

Not every beekeeper is a fan of ivy nectar, because when the bees convert it to honey, it does have a tendency to crystallise.

It also has a distinct taste that is not to everybody's liking, but it is the bees who decide what will be collected, and not the beekeeper.

When, and if, the temperatures do drop to single figures, external activity will cease. Overwintering bees will survive on the pollen and nectar brought in when temperatures were higher, ie 10ºC or higher. The overwintering bees will have a longer life span than their summer sisters.

Why is this? When a colony shuts down for the winter, external activity ceases and there is no coming and going. The only effort required from the bees within the winter hive is to control the internal temperature and to stay alive until the following spring, using the food put by for this very purpose.

Their summer sisters, however, who were daily venturing abroad in search of pollen and nectar, had a very energy-sapping lifestyle and as a consequence, they would have been lucky to live for six weeks!

Swarming has been very prominent this year; the queen bees' egg laying has provided the wherewithal for the Varroa mite to multiply also. There are beekeepers out there who insist that the Varroa mite does not exist in their colonies.

This, of course, is because they are not looking, and therefore no action to control the mite is required by them. Thankfully, many beekeepers are aware of the Varroa and address this persistent menace.

All in all, it has not been a disastrous year. Not a very good year for a honey crop, but it is the survival of the bees that takes priority, not the amount of honey that may come your way.

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This is the second chartered flight service to launch from Cardiff Airport, following the success of its North Iceland package which went on sale earlier this year.

Deb Barber, CEO of Cardiff Airport commented: "It's great to see a tour operator tailoring packages for our customers offered at convenient times. The Easter break is an ideal time of year to explore and experience everything the Andalusian region is known around the world for."

Stolen car warning for people who purchase online

POLICE are reminding motorists to be cautious when buying vehicles online.

There have been two recent incidents in Cardiff recently where cars have been bought on Ebay and Gumtree, only for the new owners to later discover they were actually stolen.

Michael Shears, a Crime Reduction Tactical Advisor from South Wales Police, said: "It is on the buyer to ensure the vehicle they want to buy isn't a stolen one. If it turns out to be stolen, the police can seize it If there is finance outstanding, the lender can still demand payment."

Stolen vehicles are usually passed on with their identity changed, but here are some tips to help reduce the risk:

- Always pay for a history check. It will identify if a car is stolen or previously written-off.
- See an original copy of the V5C registration document or logbook – and check it has the DVLA watermark.
- Don't buy a car without the logbook. Stolen vehicles are often sold this way, the seller claiming it has been sent to the DVLA for updating. This may be the case, but there's no way of checking.
- Check that the seller's address on the logbook matches the one on their driving licence or a utility bill.
- Check the car's number plate and Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) match those recorded on the logbook.

Big Green Egg and cooking demos at Topstak open day

No home, or pergola, should be without a Big Green Egg.

FAMILY-run business Topstak, will be holding an open day at its Vale showroom on November 25 from 10am-4pm.

There will be an array of range cookers on display, including Everhot, Esse and Aga – for which Topstak became the exclusive south Wales distributor earlier this year.

Electric range cookers are also available and one of Esse's chefs will be on hand to give cooking demonstrations on the electric range.

The Big Green Egg will be on display too.

Cooking demos will take place during the day, and there will be plenty of great ideas on how to cook roasts, puddings, pizzas and vegetables on this versatile outdoor cooker.

Topstak's range of wood burning stoves, both traditional and contemporary, are also on display, and many are alight, so it's easy to see how much heat they pump out in a room.

The festive season is almost upon us, and there will be Christmas trees for sale from Gower Christmas trees, as well as Christmas gifts.

If you fancy a snack, cake, or light lunch, the Gallery Café will be open all day serving delicious home-made food.

Topstak has added extra opening times for the festive season: Sunday, November 26 and December 3, 10 and 17.

For further information, call Topstak on 01446 771 567 or look up www.topstak.co.uk

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Epilepsy coffee and chat

IF you are looking for support and advice on managing epilepsy, Epilepsy Cardiff and Vale run a coffee and a chat session monthly.

Come along and chat to Lesley Williams, support adviser, who runs the session on Thursday, November 23 from 10.30am to 12pm at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. No appointment is needed, just come along. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

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Remembrance Day Parade in Penarth

Unusually, the parade formed up after the service in All Saints, marched to the Garden of Remembrance, Alexandra Park to lay wreaths and conduct the two minute silence Act of Remembrance. The parade then marched to the Ex Servicemen's Club, Windsor Road, Penarth where the parade terminated. (Photographs by Matthew Salisbury).

Penarth Town Mayor Cllr Ken Clark and Mayoress meeting the Reverend Canon Peter Cox and Reverend Sandra Birdsall after the Remembrance Day Service at All Saints Church on November 12.

Stephen Doughty MP and Alun Michael, Police Commissioner at Alexandra Park.

The Youth of Penarth were well represented by the local Air Cadet Unit.

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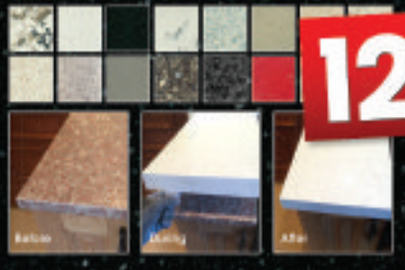

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THE COWBRIDGE REINDEER PARADE 2017 WILL BE BIGGER, BRIGHTER AND BETTER THAN EVER!

CHRISTMAS is coming, the geese (and turkeys, ducks, and sundry other fowl and game birds) are getting fat. There's a nip in the air, an occasional frost and mince pies are now firmly on the menu. The lights are up, shop windows and halls are decked with boughs of holly, and couples up and down the land are looking forward to parents and in-laws arriving for an extended break.

It really is beginning to look a lot like Christmas.

Almost anything one could want for Christmas, from food to footwear, from drinks to jewellery, to clothing and cards, and toys to tinsel can be found in Cowbridge.

And in Cowbridge, Christmas begins the Sunday before Advent with the now traditional Reindeer Parade and switching on of the illuminations on Sunday, November 26.

A firmly-established family favourite, this year's Reindeer Parade – it begins at 12 noon – is going to bigger and better than previous years, said organiser Alun John, chairman of the local chamber of trade.

"I know we say it each year, but this really is going to be the best Reindeer Parade yet," said Alun.

"The thing is," he continued, "there are so many exciting things happening that I don't want to spoil the surprise by telling all The GEM's readers too much!"

Alun did let The GEM into a couple of secrets: there will be at least triple the number of floats taking part and there will be more entertainment on the stage than in previous years.

There will be entertainment laid on by the Llantwit and Cowbridge Lions for the youngsters.

Anyone who has visited Cowbridge in recent weeks cannot have failed to notice the new, extra festive lighting in the town, now crossing the road.

"This is the result of hard graft, determination and an extra fundraising drive by the Chamber of Trade," said Alun.

"But it's worth the extra effort made for the town, for the residents, for the visitors and for the traders," he said.

"It's our, the traders and the Chamber of Trade's, way of giving a little back to the community that supports us."

In addition to the parade, there will, of course, be Santa and his grotto, carol singing, and a celeb or two to pull the switch – it's lights on at 5.15pm – and brightly bathe the town in Christmas cheer.

Long-range weather forecasting is an arcane art rather than a science, but there are suggestions that it will be a crisp, clear day.

"Wrap up warm," advises Alun, adding "but there will be plenty of things to do and eat to keep you warm if the temperature drops a bit."

Alun gave his heartfelt thanks to all who have helped so far.

"We are extremely grateful to all the organisations and individuals who are helping support the event this year. If anyone would like to make a donation to help support the event, there is still time, so please contact me on 01446 772229 or Kate on 01446 772255."

Read on for a rundown of some of Cowbridge's premier businesses that are ready and waiting to help you start your Christmas in a very merry and truly festive way.

And yes, I will have a mince pie and a glass of mulled wine, thank you.

SPINNING A YARN ABOUT THE PURL OF PENNY LANE...

THE rise of knit-and-knatter, and the occasional stitch-and-bitch, group coupled with the alas now-axed (should that be unpicked?) Great British Sewing Bee has brought traditional handicrafts of knitting, sewing and crocheting bang up to date, even being embraced by the hipster movement.

In Pleasant Penny Lane, La Mercerie Cowbridge, run by Jean Tait is riding the crest of this resurgent wave and stocks all one needs to pursure this pastime.

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Jean reports that crocheting is especially seeing a jump in popularity.

"I think," she began, "that crocheting is easier to pick and put down than, say, knitting.

"Although still something you have to concentrate on, it has an immediacy that perhaps knitting hasn't. You can see a pattern or design developing immediately, and people find that encouraging."

Jean adds that many crocheted designs and items can be applied to gifts for the home and loved ones, which is ideal for Christmas.

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There is a large choice of luxury apparel to keep your wardrobe looking like a *GQ* magazine feature and owner Leila will get you suited and booted to impress.

From Gant shirts, with reflective elements that will make sure you are seen by motorists on the way home from the pub (perfect for the winter parties!), leather gloves with touchscreen use capability to Mac jeans made from jogging bottom material to ensure comfort but remain on trend.

So, with winter on its way, you can find the right gift for that dapper gentleman in your life as they not only have ranges to suit all, but also have gift vouchers for the gentleman who would prefer to choose his own.

For more information, and to see the entire range of brands stocked, pop into the shop at 6 High Street, Cowbridge, or visit kingfox.uk. Call the shop on 01446 678085 and follow on Facebook and Instagram at @kingfoxcf71, or on Twitter at @KINGFOX_CF71.

Lions, reindeer and 'Fowl Play'

LLANTWIT Major and Cowbridge Lions will be trying a new format for the entertainment for young children in the Lesser Hall of Cowbridge Town Hall on the afternoon of Reindeer Parade Day, on Sunday, November 26.

The Lions Christmas Bazaar will run from 1.30pm in the Lesser Hall and will be free of charge to young children up to the age of eight, accompanied at all times by a responsible adult. No ticket will be required.

A variety of entertainment will be on offer including The Magnificent Johno, Christmas-themed craft activities and games provided by Cylch Meithrin Y Bont Faen nursery, Fowl Play and a Tombola. For more details and if you are not sure what Fowl Play is, come along on the day!

The Magnificent Johno will be putting on a show at 2pm, 3pm and 4pm. Other activities will be continuous throughout the afternoon.

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VISIT COWBRIDGE THIS CHRISTMAS

A Magical Festive Experience

Tallia offers style in Cowbridge

TALLIA, appropriately enough, is a variant spelling of Thalia, the ancient Greek Muse of festivity, and especially fitting in the advent of Christmas.

Opened just last month, proprietresss Sue Jones explained that she has many years' experience in helping local, and not so local, ladies to dress the way they like.

Brands that are already flying off the shelves and hangers, she reports, include Javier Simorra of Spain, Jórli of Denmark, and British fashion label James Lakeland.

Sue at Tallia has added another sartorial string to her bow with the recent launch of Luisa Cerano, again of Spain.

"The houses stocked at Tallia are for all budgets and all women," commented Sue.

Add to this a range of accessories, including Zohara handbags and purses again from the United Kingdom (the Causeway Coast of Northern Ireland, in fact), and ladies – or their significant others looking for a boutique for a Christmas present – will be spoilt for choice.

Tallia: 41 High Street, Cowbridge, CF71 7AE; 01446 772770; Facebook and Instagram @tallialtd.

The Noble Grape, and the right honourable grain…

Noble Grape stocks fine wines and a range of spirits.

NOBLE Grape is a welcome addition to the High Street.

This new wine and spirits merchant was opened at the beginning of October by Cowbridge resident and Master of Wine, Richard Ballantyne.

The shop has 250 wines from all over the world with prices starting at £6.99.

Noble Grape has a large selection of gins, whiskies and other spirits, but Richard is most proud of his wine selection which is put together using his 26 years' experience in the business.

Noble Grape offers local delivery, free glass hire and case discount, and Richard urges you to visit his shop, to peruse the range and to keep in touch with events and tastings.

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Run by Alison, the shop has a range of names from overseas and far closer to home.

Clothing and accessory brands include Seasalt, Maison Scotch ("THE best-fitting jeans," assures Alison) and Odd Molly from Sweden ("It's already feeling chilly," advises Alison).

Closer to home, based just behind GEM Towers in fact, is one of Pebble's leading brands: Blaze Designs.

Necklaces, bracelets, bangles and beads, the hand-made jewellery fuses metals, crystals and semi-precious stones into exquisite designs.

Alison said: "Seasalt 'Fluffies' and cabin socks make ideal stocking fillers.

"So ideal, in fact, that you might want to drop a hint for a pair yourself, too..."

As well as on-trend designs for jeans, Maison Scotch Luxe tops are the perfect dress up or dress down choice for the festive season while Odd Molly has coats and knits are designed to withstand Scandinavian winters yet remaining effortlessly stylish.

Alison said that there is a special preview night on November 24 in conjunction with Karma Beauty and Visage and the latter's shop at 13 High Street, Cowbridge.

"Fizz and nibbles will be available," said Alison, "and either pop into Pebble or Visage to book tickets," she advises.

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The craft beer revolution carries on in Cowbridge

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We recently launched loyalty cards for our 'Cask Clwb'. Once you've filled up your card with nine stamps, your tenth cask ale is on us.

Our inaugural 'Tap Takeover' with Grey Trees Brewery will be held on Thursday, November 23 at 7.30pm.

We really can't wait to welcome you to be a part of this new venture and join us on the adventure, so please do stop by and say 'hi'. We're open from 11.30am, seven days a week.

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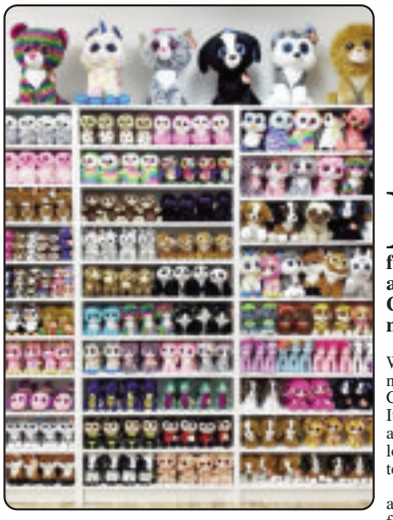

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IF you are looking for Christmas ideas for children, there are two shops in Cowbridge that you must go and visit.

The Toy Box on Willow Walk is the newest addition to Cowbridge's high street. It is bursting with toys and games children will love, from birth through to early teenage years.

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They also stock the big toy brands - Orchard Toys, Thomas The Tank Engine, Paw Patrol, Hot Wheels, Hasbro Games, Hama Beads, and you can't miss the massive range of Ty Beanie Boo soft toys!

Then wander up Eastgate to The Toy Box's well-established sister shop, The Pencil Case.

Children and adults alike love the wide range of colourful pens and pencils, notebooks, colouring books and art supplies. It is the perfect place to treat yourself or find a gift for a stationery addict.

Collectors of the popular Iwako erasers will find a huge selection to browse. Don't forget to pick up a collector card.

Harry Potter and *Star Wars* fans will love the film-inspired ranges in both shops.

Both The Pencil Case and The Toy Box stock contemporary greetings cards in Welsh and English and a wide range of helium balloons. And if you just can't decide what to buy, why not pick up a gift voucher? They are redeemable in either shop.

The Pencil Case and The Toy Box are both open from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Saturday.

Pizza? The Yard wins by a country mile!

COME and visit Cowbridge's newly-opened family friendly pizza restaurant The Yard, which is open from noon 'til late Tuesday to Sunday.

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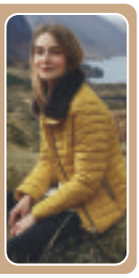

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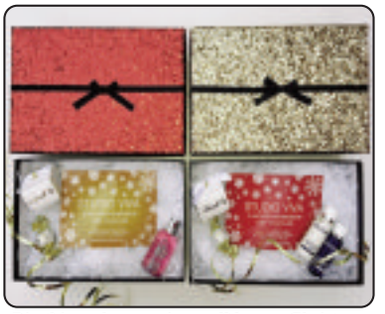

Big things do come in small boxes: Christmas gift packages from Studio Viva ladies Fitness.

OUR brand new, ladies-only gym and fitness studio, Studio Viva Ladies Fitness, opened in Cowbridge on November 6 and we've had a fantastic response with lots of new members signing up.

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A brand new era at Fich & Ramous

IN Cowbridge, staff at the Fich & Ramous hair salon are looking forward to Christmas, and the team are full of ideas that will help customers have a great time with great hair during the festive season.

For Claire Collins and her team, it is inevitable that they will look back on 2017 with sadness, as it was back in June that the founder and head stylist, Lance Pryor-Collins, passed away after falling ill on holiday.

Claire looks back on that time with sadness, but one thing that helped her and her salon team was the huge outpouring of goodwill and sympathy.

Claire said: "I really want to thank everyone for their condolences and their continuing support. It means so much."

Now, however, the future is about moving forward, with Claire and her stylists putting all their knowledge and enthusiasm into the business and, in Claire's words, "embracing Christmas".

The salon is geared up for the festive season, with lots of ideas for hair styles that will cause a buzz at Christmas.

There are plenty of gift options, with a new range of perfume and lots of hairdressing tools that will help clients keep their hair looking its best.

Fich & Ramous are also open in Maesteg, and the aim for this new era, says Claire, is to honour Lance's memory with fun, fresh ideas and great service.

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Alun John recently travelled to Scotland to hand pick the reindeer team. Although Alun drove there and back, the reindeer will, of course, fly south to Cowbridge helped by the magical reindeer food Santa's elves feed them.

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Out & About with The GEM

PADDINGTON 2 WILL LEAVE YOU WITH A MASSIVE GRIN!

by GARETH JAMIESON
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ONE of the most pleasant surprise success stories of recent cinematic times was easily Paul King's take on *Paddington* in 2014. A touching and whimsical gem of a film, its success meant that a sequel was highly likely and, thankfully, we now have one in the shape of *Paddington 2*.

Now safely ensconced with the Brown family (led by Hugh Bonneville's Henry and Sally Hawkins' Mary), Paddington (voiced by Ben Whishaw) wants to buy Aunt Lucy a 100th birthday present and embarks upon a series of odd jobs to help him achieve it.

But when his intended gift is stolen, and Paddington is framed for the crime and imprisoned, he and the Browns must try and track down the real perpetrator, with failed actor Phoenix Buchanan (Hugh Grant) a prime suspect...

The first Paddington film was a breath of fresh air – quirky, humorous, touching, its themes of acceptance and tolerance a breath of fresh air in a world that seemed to be lacking in those qualities.

It's ironic that *Paddington 2* arrives at an even more troubled juncture in history, and arguably while his arrival may not put the wrongs of the world right, it does at least provide 100 minutes of entertainment and a glimpse at how the world could be if more people ate marmalade sandwiches.

It's also the best family film of the year, arguably improving on the first outing and delivering a satisfying, hilarious and clever piece of entertainment.

Under the supervision of director Paul King (who also co-writes the script with Simon Farnaby), the sequel is a film that holds its values close to its chest, that doesn't try and play it cool when it can play it with realism.

Family films tend to have a formula that means the majority, in even the best intentions, end up a cloying mess, but King and Farnaby have enough sense to know that the character is beloved for who he was, not for what he could be with a 21st century upgrade.

So you have antiques shops, steam fairs and classic barbershops rather than coffee chains, smart phones and 'cool' dialogue, characters that engage with every element of the audience and smarts that make this so much more substantial and satisfying than most child-friendly fare.

King's direction is bold and quirky but knows the audience it's aimed at, so doesn't play too fast and loose; his work on the likes of *The Mighty Boosh* and the little-seen-but-hugely-recommended *The Bunny and The Bull* straddle the line of quirk and invention, and King shows a sure hand and perhaps more confidence here.

The gag rate is rapid and pretty much on target the majority of the time, while the story itself is clever enough to get both plot strands to work (the Browns' search to clear Paddington's name, Paddington's attempts to get to grips with life in prison) without feeling that anyone is getting sidelined.

It also helps that the performances are excellent. Ben Whishaw's beautifully light and polite tones are a perfect fit for the character of Paddington, who, thanks to some very good CGI, feels fully-rounded and wonderfully sketched, while Hugh Bonneville and Sally Hawkins as the heads of the Brown family are superb, as are Julie Walters as housekeeper Mrs Bird, and Samuel Joslin and Madeleine Harris as the Brown children, all of whom have their own little plot strands, while Brendan Gleeson is an absolute joy as Knuckles McGinty, the prison hard man who takes Paddington under his wing.

The film is pretty much stolen by Hugh Grant as the villainous (but massively enjoyable) Phoenix Buchanan.

With zero ego, Grant hams it up a storm as the actor whose career is seriously on the slide, and relishes the opportunity to dial up the luvvie-metre to maximum and let loose with an absolutely hilarious turn.

Grant has always been an enjoyable performer (a view perhaps not shared by all) but this is a magnificent turn from the actor.

It all adds up to an incredibly entertaining and hugely enjoyable film, one that builds on the good work and goodwill of the first one and runs with it.

Paddington 2 is an absolute joy, and one that feels like a balm for the real world – perhaps if everyone watched *Paddington 2* (and the first film) the world might be a kinder, better place.

VERDICT: Hilarious, clever, quirky, and emotional, *Paddington 2* is a triumph of a film, a work that is well worth your time and attention. You'll leave with the biggest grin (and perhaps even a tear) as Paul King has delivered the goods yet again for the travelling bear, with great performances across the board. Don't miss this truly magical film. *Essential viewing*.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Paddington* (2014), *The Muppets* (2011).

What's on in your area!

Coffee and chat

COME along to Barry Library this Friday from 11am to 12pm for a coffee and a chat – only 50p!

Charity fair

AN afternoon charity fair will be held in the All Saints' Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth on Saturday, November 18 from 2.30pm until 4pm.

Entry £1 (to include cup of tea/coffee). Plenty of bargains to be found. Come along and have a good time, all proceeds for charity.

Early visit by Father Christmas

THE Paget Rooms will be stacked with goodies for Christmas on Saturday, November 18, when the Parish of Penarth and Llandough holds its annual Christmas Fayre.

There will be unique presents, homemade cakes, biscuits and toys, and a chance of winning something on the tombola and the bottle stall.

Father Christmas will be making an appearance at the event which will run from 10am – 12noon. Entrance is £1, which includes coffee and biscuits.

Christmas craft fair

A CRAFT fair takes place at Bethel Baptist Church, Harbour Road, Barry, on Saturday, November 18, from 10am to 2pm; free admission.

There will be homemade crafts, gifts, cake stall, jams, chutney, crafts and face painting for the little ones. Refreshments, including bacon butties until 11.30am and homemade soup and a roll from 12 noon.

Councillors' surgery

THE Labour Vale and Barry town councillors for Buttrills, Cadoc, Castleland and Court Wards: Susan Lloyd-Selby, Owen Griffiths, Anne Moore, Neil Moore, Pamela Drake, Bronwen Brooks and Sandra Perkes, will be holding their monthly advice surgery on Saturday, November 18 in the Small Community Room, Barry Library, King Square from 10am until 11am; no appointment is necessary.

Benefits advice

IF you need some advice on benefits, such as Pension Credit, Attendance Allowance, Housing Benefit, PIP etc Age Connects Cardiff and Vale run a free welfare rights service which can help you with any of these issues and with form filling.

A session will be held on Tuesday, November 21 at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. No appointment needed, just come along between 9.30am and 12pm. Call 01446 732385 for further information (or if you need a home visit).

Stray Birds to play only Welsh date!

The Stray Birds in a photo by Emilia Paré.

THE Stray Birds – Maya de Vitry, Oliver Craven and Charlie Muench – are over from the US for an 11-date UK tour including their only Welsh date on November 17 at St Donats Arts Centre in the Vale.

Hailing from Lancaster, Pennsylvania, The Stray Birds formed in 2010, and have spent the last several years honing their sound and touring extensively.

Their *Borderland* EP was released in 2010, followed by the eponymous full-length debut *The Stray Birds* (2012), *Echo Sessions* EP (2013) and *Best Medicine* (2014).

Best Medicine debuted at No.2 on the Billboard Bluegrass chart and title track 'Best Medicine' was named Song of the Year (2015) at the International Folk Music Awards. They picked up 'Best Band of 2016' and 'Best Album of the Year' in the AmericanaUK Readers' Poll for *Magic Fire*.

A spokesperson said: "Don't miss this chance to see them live at St Donats Arts Centre on Friday, November 17 at 7.30pm. To book tickets and for information on further events, go to www.stdonats.com or call 01446 799100."

Megaliths of Wales

Book review by Brian Lee

Tinkinswood Cromlech near Cardiff.

DID you know that the largest capstone in Britain is Tinkinswood Cromlech situated in a field at Tinkinswood, near St Nicholas in the Vale of Glamorgan?

It's named after a nearby farm but is also known as Llech y Filiast and Castell Carreg. This single massive capstone is 28 feet long by 18 feet wide, about two feet thick and weighs more than 40 tons.

The chamber underneath measures 18 feet by 15 feet and is around five and a half feet high.

Excavated in 1914 we learn that Roman pottery and objects of iron indicated that it was opened during this period and that fragments of bones of children and adults were discovered, along with Neolithic flints and pottery.

This indicated that the tomb was still in use during the early bronze age, although the herring-bone walling on the right at the entrance to the burial chamber is modern.

This information is in *Megaliths of Wales*, a fascinating and well-illustrated book that also reveals that The Spinning Capstone at St Lythan's Cromlech located around half-a-mile south-east of Duffryn House is also known as Gwal-y-Filiast (The Greyhound Bitch's Lair) and the name may come from an Arthurian tale in the Mabinogion.

Legend has it that on Midsummer Eve the capstone spins three times, and if you make a wish there on Hallowe'en it will come true.

The field in which the cromlech stands is known as the 'accursed field' and it is claimed that nothing will grow on it.

Between 4,000 and 6,000 years ago more than 1,000 stone circles and vast numbers of standing stones and dolmens were erected all over the British Isles and the author poses the interesting question, why was so much energy devoted to hewing great blocks of stone and transporting them sometimes many miles to be erected in a specially-chosen place?

Compiled by Newport-born author Chris Barber and published by Amberley Publishing at £16.99, this 192-page paperback with 150 illustrations is a compelling read.

Brian Lee

Cor Meibion De Cymru

LAST week's GEM included details of a concert by Cor Meibion De Cymru in Penarth.

The choir will be performing at All Saints' Church in Penarth on Saturday, November 18, but the concert starts half an hour earlier, at 7pm, rather than the time stated in last week's piece, which was 7.30pm.

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Aspirations has specialist paint to enhance your home

BARRY'S West End is famed throughout south Wales for its shopping experience – and its numerous attractions are never more apparent than at Christmas, *writes PHILIP IRWIN*.

Incorporating High Street, Broad Street, Market Street and Island Road, this tight-knit area of Barry is an enclave of independent businesses run by local people determined to deliver top products to valued customers.

It received a massive boost to its status earlier this year when it was named as one of the top five shopping areas in the whole of the UK for independent shops.

One thing that business owners in the West End of Barry don't do is take their clients for granted.

They work hard to create a trusting relationship with people because they know repeat business is key.

Putting something back into the community is also important and as usual an extravaganza is planned for Friday, November 24, when the Christmas lights will be switched on – with added attractions!

See the article on page 23 for full details on this.

High Street's star has been rising for some time now, and that means that new businesses are keen to open – always a good sign.

It gives extra variety to the area, and offers something new to shoppers. Walking around, you can't help feeling that you need several visits to take it all in. It's fortunate, therefore, that there are still five-and-a-half weeks before Christmas.

One new arrival in High Street is Crafty Little Dragon, which started life as a handmade card crafting company and is run by a husband and wife team, Dean and Nadine, who live in the town.

Nadine said: "Demand increased for our cards and what started as a hobby quickly turned into a successful online business.

"We started to attend craft fairs around the UK and designed and branded our own range of self adhesive/loose rhinestone gems and diamante cake toppers.

"We were constantly being asked if we had a shop at these fairs and, as if by fate, we were really lucky to find our new home in 31 High Street while out shopping.

"We are constantly stocking new craft items so please call into our shop regularly or visit our facebook page *#craftylildragon* for the latest news.

"We would also like to thank everyone from High Street Traders Quarter for making us feel so welcome it really is a great place to work and shop #shoplocal."

At Beautiful Lily, Helen Huggins is looking forward to the festive season.

She said: "P-P-P-Pick up a penguin at our Christmas Festive Shopping Night and enjoy a glass of mulled wine while browsing our NEW range of DCUK. We are offering 10 per cent off on this night only on all our DCUK ranges.

"We love this time of year, with the great selection of evergreens and beautiful blooms. The selection of wreaths, garlands and table arrangements can be seen on display prior to ordering. We can do bespoke designs for any occasion."

Food is always important at Christmas and Food For Thought in the High Street is a great place to go for the festive season.

It's also a place to pencil in for Friday, November 24, when they will be having a 'Cheese and Chutney tasting evening'.

Sarah and Nathan of Food For Thought said: "We also have new items for Christmas, with a wide range of chilli sauces, and new chilli growing kits and chilli sauce-making kits, too!"

She added: "This year we have extended our range of gluten-free stock, with mince pies, biscuits and cake – all at very reasonable prices.

"Dairy-free chocolates are becoming more popular, and this year we even have a dairy-free chocolate advent calendar!"

Another new arrival in High Street – sort of – is Faye Blakely at Home Made Wales.

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ABOVE: Head to Jade Boutique for all your winter and party wear.

The Crafty Dragon is new to the High Street.

So many gift options at Butterflies.

Christmas lights switch-on in High Street

THERE will be no such thing as 'Black Friday' on Friday, November 24, when the festive lights are switched on during the Barry High Street Christmas shopping event.

The fun-filled three-hour extravaganza runs from 4pm to 7pm.

In previous years, there has been inclement weather, so this year the traders in High Street Shopping Quarter decided to try something different and plan to bring all the shopping, fun and festivities indoors.

There will be choirs, magicians and even a caricaturist on hand within the independent shops, cafes and bars, to help get shoppers in the festive mood.

To ensure as magical a shopping experience as possible, the Christmas lights will then be switched on at 5pm,

As it is an indoor-based shopping event, the road will remain open to traffic to help visitors and shoppers park and enjoy the evening's festivities.

High Street trader Fay Blakeley said: "We're keen to build upon the success of the summer event and to keep promoting the 'Shop Local' message to the people of Barry.

"We hope the evening will showcase the impressive selection of boutique, independent businesses within High Street.

"When you have the UK's fourth best independent High Street shopping area on your doorstop, why go anywhere else?"

That accolade is endorsed by the former chairman of Pride in Barry, Paul Haley, who commented: "High Street Traders have always been super people. It's a great, friendly community shopping area that bristles with quality and energy. Shop local!"

High Street traders are running a raffle up to Friday's event in which a lucky winner can win prizes donated by businesses on the street.

For more information about the raffle and the event, visit facebook.com/highstreetshoppingquarter.

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I say sort of because Faye has been in a side street since she opened the business, but this will be her first Christmas in the high street!

She said: "I'm very excited to be in the new shop. I moved here in September and it's great to have more space."

Space is important to any retailer and it certainly is for Faye, as she has so much stock to display. Wandering around, you can't help but be struck by the variety in Home Made Wales.

Intrinsically Welsh goods are here, but there is much more too.

Her modus operandi is to build relationships with crafters who do quality work, and this means that items in Home Made Wales are pretty exclusive.

Faye said: "I aim to be professional in my business, and I look for the same from the crafters and artists I stock.

"You will not find items on sale here in any of the chain stores!"

Jones and Jones Optometrists have a full collection of designer eyewear and sunglasses from, among others, Carolina Herrera, Dunhill, Jimmy Choo, Carrera and Tom Ford.

What's more, on Thursday, November 23, they are opening late from 6pm to 8pm with a '10 per cent off everything' on the night at the special exclusive Christmas Shopping Evening.

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If you are looking for a present for a little one, Jill has plenty to offer, with some of the most sought-after lines.

She said: "Top Model is very popular at the moment, and we also have Jelly Cat and Little Rag Doll in stock too.

"I'm really pleased with the Orchard Toys range, and they have so much to interest children."

It's not all toys though. Jill has an excellent range of Welsh reading books and cards – a section that is growing with interest in the Welsh language.

A High Street business that is soon to be on the move is Aspirations UK – but they are only planning a move to another property in the High Street.

Their mix of furniture, home accessories and gifts to complement any home has been a hit in the area.

Owner Debbie Burton said that they also cater for people who are looking to develop their own furniture restoration skills.

She said: "We are official stockists of Frenchic chalk and mineral paint who also offer a high standard of commission work and painting classes."

There's a wealth of experience behind Bespoke Jewellery in Island Road, which specialises in hand-made jewellery.

They can repair items that have seen better days, or they can take a tired piece and make something entirely new out of it.

Robert Linder owns the business, which has a shop in Cardiff as well, in the High Street Arcade, and the reputation for quality and good value is such that the BBC costume department uses them on a regular basis.

Just one example is that Bespoke Jewellery made Doctor Who's cuff links for Peter Capaldi.

The Island Road workshop has finished items on sale, of course, but their huge experience of what is and is not possible with jewellery is, to coin a phrase, worth their weight in gold!

In High Street there is such a mix of old and new shops, eating places, cafes and traditional businesses that you could easily spend hours there.

One very traditional business is Vic Hopkins Butchers – an enterprise that knows all there is to know about getting ready for Christmas.

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Tony Hopkins at Vic Hopkins Butchers has his Christmas order forms ready.

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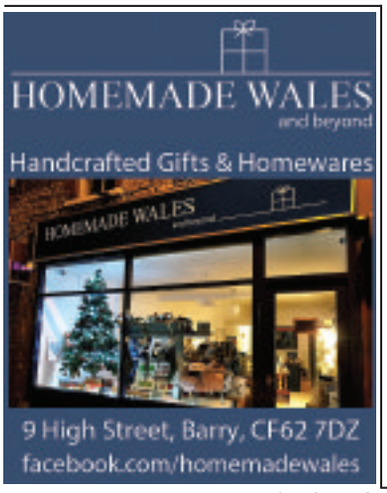

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Tony Hopkins is in charge, and he has the Christmas order forms all ready to be collected.

Tony has suppliers that he has worked with for years, and satisfied customers come back year after year.

How busy do they get? Well, last year they made an attempt to count how many 'pigs in blankets' were sold for Christmas dinners.

They can't guarantee they recorded every batch, but those that were counted came to the amazing total of 6,300!

Getting things right at Christmas takes plenty of practice and experience, and that's what you get at Vic Hopkins Butchers.

Your food requirements may be sorted, but when it comes to those difficult presents, High Street Barry scores highly again.

Another business that knows what it is doing is Butterflies. Apart from the terrific range of gift items – cards, jewellery, Yankee Candles, bath bombs and home accessories – Butterflies is doing its own special event to build up the Christmas excitement.

On Saturday, December 2, the real Santa will be at the store from 10am until noon. Visitors will have the chance to take free photos or make free video messages.

This event is to raise funds for Atal y Fro (Women's Aid in the Vale) so donations will be welcome.

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Ewe couldn't make it up!

LIFE for a ewe generally follows a fairly predictable pattern.

Birth, a few seasons of being tupped and producing more generations of ewes and rams, and then?

Well, some might go for mutton, others are destined for supermarket shelves in the guise of dog food.

Shepherds (indeed, shepherdesses) and farmers care for their animals more than some would have us believe, but, without ramming the point home, in the commercial world of farming, when ewe gotta go, ewe gotta go.

It is The Way of Things.

But not so for 'Tilly'.

Catherine Hartland, a partner of Newbold Solicitors, was holidaying on a working farm in the Elan Valley during lambing season when she spotted Tilly in a nearby barn.

The Elan Estate is owned by Dwr Cymru and the farmers look after and work for the estate.

Of course, "Tilly" was then unnamed. She was merely Ewe 571, just like the sub-maaaaa-rine.

Catherine learnt that the ewe, despite receiving treatment, was desperately ill and likely to die, probably not surviving the night.

This upset the solicitor at the Barry-based firm, and she decided to do something about it.

Catherine, never one to mince her words, said: "I couldn't let that happen. I had to do something.

"I was so upset I could not sleep and every few hours I would go and check on her. She seemed to be getting worse."

No woolly sentimentalist, Catherine knew that this ewe had, like all creatures, but a finite lifespan.

To identify Tilly, in addition to her collar, she has the letter 'T' painted on her.

Catherine takes up the yarn again.

"Anyway, the sheep was a miracle and the next day when I went to visit her, she had been moved out to the pen.

"On my last day I said to the farmer, what will happen to her now. The farmer said that she would go to tack with all the other sheep and then she would be sent for dog meat.

"I was horrified, after her struggle to survive against all odds, she was going for dog meat. "I asked him if he was winding me up and he said 'No'."

She said she returned to work and relayed the news to staff at Newbold's.

"They were mortified as well, as the entire firm is crazy animal people," said Catherine.

Staff, said Catherine, flocked to Tilly's aid, and asked her to do something to save the ewe.

"My conscience got the better of me so I decided to contact the estate," said Catherine.

The firm bought a sheep collar and sent a cheque with a pleading letter, baaaaa-gaining for Tilly's life, to the estate.

"The trust did think we were mad, but they agreed, and Tilly now has a future on the hill."

Catherine smiled and said: "The last time I was on the farm I saw Tilly. She walked straight passed me; she didn't thank me or anything."

Perhaps Tilly was feeling a little sheepish.

Catherine ended by saying: "I have spoken to the farmer and he was laughing his head off about how mad we are, but he understands, and now the firm and the ewe are the talk of the farmers in the Valley.

"He said: 'Nothing much happens here, so we have a story to tell at last that makes everyone laugh'."

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'We will continue to oppose Biomass plant licence' says AM

VALE AM Jane Hutt and local protesters have pledged to continue the fight to prevent the Biomass UK No2 Ltd plant from getting an environmental permit.

This week, it emerged that Natural Resources Wales (NRW) looks set to grant a licence for the gasification plant at Barry docks.

The project has been the subject of huge controversy in the town and a Docks Incinerator Action Group (DIAG) was formed to oppose it being given permission to operate.

DIAG says it has presented legitimate concerns for the health of local people; Biomass argues that the plant would be safe and would be subject to controls, including operating under the terms of the environmental permit.

On November 13, Jane Hutt chaired a DIAG liaison group meeting at Castleland Community Centre, attended by NRW.

NRW said it planned to issue an environmental permit, but agreed that there should be another period of consultation first.

In a statement on Tuesday, NRW explained it had carried out a detailed assessment of the company's plans and is satisfied that appropriate measures will be in place to allow it to operate without damaging the environment or the health of local people.

NRW stressed the assessment had not only been carried out by its own internal experts, but specialist advice had been sought from other organisations such as Public Health Wales, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board and South Wales Fire and Rescue Service.

Before a final decision is made, NRW will share the findings of its assessment and the draft conditions for the proposed permit, and will begin the new consultation.

It will run from late November for a minimum of four weeks and is a chance for people to comment on the 'draft decision' and bring forward new information which hasn't already been considered through previous consultations.

Nadia De Longhi of NRW said: "We know there has been a lot of concern about this facility and I want to reassure the local community that we would

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only grant a permit if we were sure that the applicant can meet the strict standard required by the permit.

"We have closely scrutinised the application, and where we've needed to, we've asked for more detail and clarification to help us reach this decision.

"When the consultation starts, we'll be happy to consider any new evidence or information that is relevant to our decision."

NRW is legally required to grant a permit if a company can demonstrate that it can operate within environmental legislation.

Jane Hutt and the DIAG group expressed their deep disappointment at the news.

The Vale's AM said: "The evidence against the granting of an environmental permit to Biomass is

Vale AM Jane Hutt said she would continue to oppose the granting of a licence every step of the way.

overwhelming.

"The Docks Incinerator Action Group has coordinated a significant campaign representing the views and concerns of the people of Barry with cross party backing from elected representatives.

"DIAG has held meetings with a range of statutory bodies to raise our deep concerns about the incinerator – regarding public health and well-being, environmental impacts and fire prevention.

"NRW has repeatedly questioned Biomass on their permit application with unsatisfactory replies, which are all in the public domain.

"This next stage of consultation on a 'draft decision' requires a robust response with an extended consultation of at least eight to 10 weeks and I will play my part in contributing to this.

"It is important for people to know that the environmental permit has not yet been granted and we will continue to oppose it every step of the way."

Max Wallis of Friends of the Earth Barry & Vale said he saw the "rush to a decision" being dictated by the company. He added that some key objections had still not been addressed, which meant that the local community might have grounds to launch a legal challenge in the future.

NRW has agreed to attend a public meeting to hear the views of local people. The operator will also be invited to attend.

Bro Radio enhance festive feeling with Radio Christmas!

IN 2016, Bro Radio added a festive addition to the Bro Radio family called Bro Radio Christmas - and this year it's back bigger and better.

Bro Radio Christmas launched on November 13 and is available online and on mobile devices until December 31. The station will play nothing but the best festive songs, alongside the latest news, local events and information, presented by some of Bro Radio's most well known presenters.

Listeners can catch Nathan Spackman on air weekday mornings from 7am, Gareth Knight weekdays from 11am and Leroy Keeble weekdays from 3pm – 7pm, while Patrick Downes will keep listeners company on the weekend between 10am and 2pm.

Bro Radio Christmas wouldn't have been possible without the support of Twenty 12 Flooring, Billboard Ensemble, Coastal Coffee, Dinas Windows, The Glenbrook Inn, High Street Shopping Quarter, SBS Salvage and Sterling Commercial Finance.

Bro Radio Christmas is proud to support Barry Round Tables 2018 charity calendar.

Interim operations manager, Nathan Spackman, said: "While other radio stations continue to cut back their local offerings, we are proud to be able to offer our listeners in the Vale something different over the festive season.

"Bro Radio Christmas has a huge playlist of songs making it ideal for any shops and is much better than listening to that old Christmas CD on repeat!"

Bro Radio is the local radio station for the Vale and has broadcast on 98.1fm to the eastern Vale of Glamorgan since 2009.

The station is run by a dedicated team of 30-plus local volunteers who receive industry standard training to provide a local radio service that aims to inform, educate and entertain the community which we serve.

Bro Radio is based in the YMCA Hub and works in partnership with YMCA Barry and is supported by Barry Town Council, The Vale of Glamorgan and the Postcode Lottery.

You can listen to Bro Radio Christmas online via broradio.fm or search for 'Bro Radio Christmas' on the TuneIn Radio app.

Funeral directors support 'Spirit of Christmas' project

A NUMBER of funeral directors in the Vale are supporting a scheme to give presents to recently bereaved people who may be facing their first Christmas alone.

The idea is being co-ordinated by Ceri-Lou Newman. She told The GEM: "I wanted to create a project that spreads some joy to people who may not have others in their life to exchange gifts with and so who may not be looking forward to Christmas.

"I am appealing to the generous people of the Vale to make a donation of a gift that can be distributed to those who perhaps don't have any family and who would be given some festive cheer by receiving something for Christmas.

"Gifts should be wrapped up in seasonal paper, but please write in the corner of the packaging what the item is so we can ensure it is given to an appropriate person. This will eventually be covered by a name sticker, so as not to spoil the surprise.

"Gifts will then be distributed to various residential and care homes, hospices, as well as identified individuals in the area. Some gifts will also be passed on to the Sally's Gift project at Llandough Hospital for patients spending the festive season in hospital."

The funeral directors where people can leave their gifts are as follows: Parkman Funeral Home, Camms Corner, Dinas Powys; AG Adams, Tynewydd Road, Barry; Hickman Road Funeral Directors, Penarth, and WA Brown & Son Funeralcare, College Street, Llantwit Major.

For any large volume donations, I am happy to collect if you get in touch to arrange on 07999 715251 or email me at ceri-lou@cherishedmemories.wales

LEARNING ABOUT THE LIFE OF AN ARTIST AT SULLY U3A

ON November 9, Sully U3A were fortunate enough to be entertained by Nick John Rees, a marine artist.

He started his working life in a bank – he wanted to study art at a college, but his father said no, that was not a proper job and he already had two older sons at university and could not afford to fund a further son at college.

So Nick painted in his spare time, always hoping that one day he would be able to paint full time.

Sure enough, some 15 years ago, Nick took the plunge and became a full-time professional marine artist.

He has always been particularly influenced by Turner and Monet and their use of light. His work reflects his fascination with the effect of light on nature, particularly sunlight and moonlight.

A particularly strong influence and mentor was the foremost Welsh artist Sir Kyffin Williams, whom Nick visited many times in his studio. He gave Nick a very important piece of advice: "If you paint what you love, it will be reflected in your work."

To this day Nick has decided to concentrate on his life-long passion for the sea: "Always the same yet never the same."

Living in a village west of Cardiff on the coast of the Bristol Channel, Nick has inspiration on his doorstep, but he also enjoys travelling to other beautiful coastlines, particularly throughout Wales, Devon, Cornwall and Brittany. Nick strives whenever possible to start a canvas in situ, and then finish it back in his studio.

Nick's paintings are held in both private and public collections throughout the world. He has also exhibited in several galleries including The Albany in Cardiff, Harbour Lights Gallery in Porthgain, Royal Cambrian Academy in Conway and Azure Gallery in Sidmouth.

Five years ago, Nick set up a franchise to exhibit his paintings at Pugh's Garden Centre, Wenvoe.

On one of his visits to Brittany, Nick was busy painting away on a beach, when he turned around to find there was a group of local people silently looking over his shoulder, admiring his painting – they then had a conversation in broken French.

On another day, while out painting on a beach in Barry, an elderly lady started talking about her happy visits to this beach with her dog and then much to Nick's surprise, she confirmed she lost her virginity just over to the left of his picture among some rocks, many years ago, which was much appreciated by the Sully audience.

Nick closed his visit to Sully confirming his other part-time occupation is that of a magistrate and mentioned that he did not come across any of the defendants that he gave a prison sentence to!

A full house gave Nick rousing applause in appreciation of his fascinating talk and we were then able to view some of his paintings.

Mike Birnage

Traffic issues at Dinas Powys are discussed

THERE was a packed meeting at Murchfield Community Centre in Dinas Powys on Monday evening, November 13, in which traffic issues in the village were put under the spotlight.

The meeting was called by the Dinas Powys Bypass Steering Group to update villagers on the latest progress towards a bypass.

Speakers also addressed the plans for the Caerleon Housing development of 70 houses that has outline planning permission and the 215-house application for the former St Cyres Junior School site.

Rod Harrod, the chairman of the steering group and civil engineer Roger Pattenden, its technical advisor addressed the two-hour meeting.

They fielded questions from members of the audience on each of the subjects and illustrated their presentation with over 50 slides on the topics, including maps and diagrams.

They explained that while it was too late to complain about traffic relating to the Caerleon road development, objections can still be made to the council regarding the St Cyres development, which doesn't go to the council until January 11.

AUTUMN FAYRE

THE Parish of St Andrew Major is holding its autumn fayre on Saturday, November 25 at the Parish and Lee Halls, Britway Road, Dinas Powys.

The fayre will be opened by Father Christmas at 2pm and children can meet Father Christmas in his magical grotto, so come early! Stalls include hand-made gifts, cards, Christmas decorations and refreshments.

The charities receiving donations from the proceeds of this year's fayre will be Huggard (a Cardiff-based charity tackling homelessness and seeking to overcome the problems and barriers that force individuals to sleep rough on our streets) and the Syrian Refugee Crisis.

For more information, see www.stpetersdinaspowys.org.uk/

Dinas Powys library welcomes MP

AS the library and activity centre in Dinas Powys prepares for its first anniversary open day trustees welcomed the local MP, Mr Alun Cairns.

The open day on Saturday, November 18 will show what is on offer, the range of new books, and of course delicious, homemade refreshments.

Chair of the trustees Chris Franks said that they were especially pleased to have Cathy Farr, local author sharing her experiences as an author – and her wolfhound.

He said: "We explained to Mr Cairns the challenges facing the library and activity centre now that it's run by volunteers. With 40-plus volunteers we are able to keep the library open and thriving six days a week.

"Last week we hosted the exhibition organised by Natural Resources Wales, which detailed the plans to install a 10 foot high bund across Mill Fields to store flood water and other options. Well over 100 residents visited the exhibition.

"However, the major challenge is raising the £12,000 a year necessary to keep the building open. He was sympathetic to the issues. We have fundraising nights being planned. Please try to support these events."

C Franks

SCHOOL HARVEST FESTIVAL HELPS VALE FOODBANK

Year-5 pupils and Menna Roberts loading the car with food for the Vale Foodbank.

ON an autumnal October 26, the children of Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg Primary Phase celebrated their annual Harvest Festival Service.

All the produce donated by the children and families were given to Gareth and Ewa Thomas, representatives from the Vale Foodbank.

Ewa Thomas said: "We'd like to thank Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg for their generous support. The food that has been collected at this Harvest Festival will help many local families in the coming weeks."

Mr Thomas explained: "The Vale Foodbank provides free food parcels for local people experiencing temporary financial crisis and other difficulties."

Menna Roberts, headteacher, concluded: "The children celebrated a joyous thanksgiving Harvest Festival service this year, one which children, teachers and parents very much enjoyed. Thanks also to the children and parents for the food donations, we are sending them to a valued charity in our local community for local people."

Menna Roberts

POLICE APPEAL FOR INFORMATION

POLICE are asking whether anyone has seen Michael Morgan.

A spokesperson said: "We'd like to speak to the 43-year-old in connection with burglaries in Llantwit Major and Dinas Powys.

"Anyone with information on his whereabouts is asked to contact 101, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111, quoting reference 1700422804."

Probus club hears how gas transformed a city

ON November 7, Chris Bleach returned to Dinas Powys Probus Club to recount the history of The Cardiff Gaslight and Coke Company, together with the history of the development of gas for domestic use.

He is a graduate of Birmingham University in chemical engineering, and worked for British Gas for 30 years.

The Chinese had isolated methane gas in the 16th century and by using bamboo pipes, were able to boil sea water to obtain salt. The first use of gas to light a house in Britain was in 1792.

William Murdoch, an engineer living in Cornwall, obtained gas by burning coal and installed it in his own house. The early production of gas was a dangerous and dirty process. The vapour was obtained by burning coal, then it was purified and stored in gas holders.

A by-product was tar, which in the early days was usually buried. Gas arrived in Neath in 1795, Cardiff in 1821, Brecon in 1822 and Merthyr in 1836. The London Gas Co was formed in 1813, and a major benefit of having gas supplies available was that gas lighting could be introduced to make streets safer at night.

The Cardiff Gaslight and Coke Company was incorporated in 1837. The main driving force behind it was Simon Benjamin Broadmeadow and the works were built on ground in the Town Clerk's garden in the Hayes.

The works were re-located several times as larger sites were needed. Eventually, land was purchased from the Marquis of Bute in Bute Terrace, the current site of the Big Sleep Hotel. Further land was bought from Grange Farm, where a works was constructed and production started there in 1863. The first company chairman was Charles Cross Williams and the Williams family had at least one board member during the life of the company.

Charles Wheeler discovered a novel use for gas, gas being cheaper than hydrogen. He persuaded the company to provide him with four days production of gas to inflate his balloon so that he could float over the city. This left consumers without any gas for the period, which caused lots of complaints. A brave man, he made over 700 flights, and surprisingly, died in his bed.

The Cardiff Gaslight and Coke Co was one of over 1,000 gas companies nationalised in 1948. By this time, gas production was falling and gas was being provided from the large steelwork sites around south Wales.

In 1962, the first supply of liquefied natural gas (LNG) was imported from abroad. Exploration of gas fields in the North Sea and Morecambe Bay began in 1962, and the first gas was brought ashore in 1967.

Chris moved abroad to set up and manage BG Italia in Rome for seven years after privatisation, which led to some interesting negotiations with major local businesses. His current passion is British humour and he is currently chair-person of The Tommy Cooper Society.

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SAINTS' GIFT FOR ST ATHAN PUPILS

Youngsters at the Woodland Wonders session at St Athan Primary School.

REPRESENTATIVES of Saints, the St Athan parks charity, attended a 'Woodland Wonders' session at St Athan Primary School recently.

A Saints spokeswoman said: "Sally and Charlotte called in and children learned about pushing and pulling, all wrapped up in a fun conker match.

"We are proud to be supporting the local school and made a £100 donation to make the repairs needed following recent vandalism."

Pupils dig into the past

Photo by David Web sites www.thedogphotographerwales.com

WICK and Marcross Church in Wales Primary School students visited Porthcawl Museum recently, taking part in the Welsh Museums Festival and Kids' Museum Takeover Day.

At Porthcawl Museum there were special archaeological events and activities, including an archaeological dig supported by the Glamorgan and Gwent Archaeological Trust (GGAT) and children undertook a 'dig' in the garden of the museum, using tools and instructions from Paul Huckfield of GGAT.

Once they had uncovered finds they then had to clean, identify and record them, before making the finds ready for display in the museum's archaeology display.

'Fireworks display a sparkling success'

ON behalf of Llantwit Major Rugby Club, I would like to thank everyone who attended our recent fireworks display.

It goes without saying that the event could not be such a success without the support of everyone attending and in doing so, creating a wonderful evening for children, families and the wider community.

We have been inundated with praise for what a brilliant night it was, but also how wonderful that there is no entry cost, making the event accessible for all.

The event is funded by the rugby club, but is heavily reliant on the kind donations received through collection buckets on the night – for which we are grateful, and the club would like to thank everyone who contributed.

The club would also like to thank Llantwit Major Town Council who assisted with a donation and Cllr Gwyn John who made a significant personal donation of his own.

Finally, I would like to personally thank all the members and staff of the club who work so tirelessly in their support and commitment to the event.

Andrew Halligan,
Llantwit Major RFC.

Another busy coffee morning in the council chambers. (Photograph by Mike Wilcock).

Mayor's coffee morning in aid of cancer charity

Enjoying a coffee with the Mayor were local pensioners (left to right) Val Charles, Mair Thomas, Alf Charles and Janet Ager. (Photograph by Mike Wilcock).

THE Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, Siân Vaughan, and her consort Rob held a coffee morning on November 4 for Cancer Research Wales.

The event took place in the Mayor's parlour in the town hall. Family and friends provided homemade cakes and raffle prizes.

Those who attended enjoyed themselves and £225 was raised for Cancer Research Wales.

Fundraising will resume in 2018 and the next coffee morning will be on Saturday, January 6 at 10.30am.

WI MEMBERS LEARN ABOUT ONE FAMILY'S ROAD TRIP

THIS month Llanblethian WI went on a adventure with a family of motorcycle enthusiasts.

When I say family, I mean three generations of family: grandparents, aunts, uncles, mothers, fathers and children – quite a group.

This year's holiday took in France, Germany, Austria, touching on Switzerland and Holland; a journey of some 2,500 miles.

Nothing is left to chance, this is like a military operation. Their motorbikes need to be in tip-top condition, their route needs to be planned, accommodation for eight people booked ahead.

Now for the good part: two panniers – one for motorbike essentials (tools, engine oil, and first aid kit), one pannier for clothes for two weeks! This takes weeks of planning.

They are off!

The photos of their route are spectacular as you can imagine, travelling through some of the most beautiful terrain in Europe and because they planned their route themselves, they were able to take us to all the things that interest them, which made it special.

Most days they travelled approximately 150 miles which was

good for them; it gave them time to take in the sites and move on.

The Alps were wonderful in their summer/winter glory but you needed a head for heights. The scenery of the whole tour was glorious.

We saw film of some of the food they had – it looked great until you remember there is not a lot of room for expansion in motorcycle leathers; I wonder how they got them on to come home, a lot of deep breathing I expect.

This is a unique and wonderful way for a family to come together, a hobby that covers three generations. This was what was most special about this holiday, all with one common interest and enjoying themselves, you could feel the bond.

There is something exciting about motorcycling which you cannot experience in any other form of transport; it gives you a freedom of heart and soul and the ability to commune with nature.

It has its responsible, serious side and is not for the faint-hearted, but what a thrill. Once you are bitten by the bug you never lose it.

This was a good evening, thank you Gillian.

If you would like to join us we meet at Llanblethian church hall on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm.

We are celebrating our 70 years in the WI this December: roll on the next 70 years! **VG**

Friends of Llantwit Library's next event

FOLLOWING the success of the monthly 'open mic' nights at the Net Café, the organisers have arranged a special one-off event at Llantwit Library on Thursday, November 23 at 7.30pm.

This is an evening for all acoustic music performers, singers, poets, story-tellers and raconteurs! Original and cover material is welcome, and singers can make use of the 'house band' which will be on hand if required. The organisers will also provide a superb Bose PA system.

The aim, as with the Net Café evenings, is to allow musicians, singers, and poets to perform in a friendly, convivial atmosphere. Those who do not play, sing, or recite are of course very welcome to come along and listen to what will certainly be a varied and entertaining evening.

Tea and coffee will be available free of charge, but we will ask for contributions to the Friends of Llantwit Library fund.

To book your spot or find out more, contact Phil Tandy at phil.tandy@gmail.com.

A WEEKEND DEVOTED TO REMEMBRANCE – IN COWBRIDGE AND AROUND THE VALE

PHOTOS by MIKE WILCOCK

AS Armistice day fell on a saturday this year, it made for a weekend of Remembrance around the area.

In Cowbridge, stopping the traffic on a Saturday is never easy, but the 11am ceremony was observed with great dignity and solemnity.

In the case of Cowbridge, the Sunday Remembrance Day includes a full-scale parade, which was very well attended and which took place in reasonable weather– unlike towns such as Porthcawl and Bridgend, where the heavens opened.

TOP LEFT: *Getting ready in the town council chambers for the Armistice Day ceremony.*

FAR LEFT: *Veterans made a special trip to town on the Saturday.*

LEFT: *A short stoppage of Saturday traffic was organised in Vowbridge for the ceremony.*

ABOVE: Cowbridge Town Hall on Saturday, with wreaths laid out ready for Sunday.

Remembrance visit for school

ON November 8, class 4 of St Nicholas C/W Primary School, including headteacher Miss Evans and Father Martyn Davies, had the privilege and honour of representing the school at the National Field of Remembrance at Cardiff Castle.

The Royal British Legion had arranged a special plot for the school to plant crosses with their own personal messages paying tribute to those who had lost their lives in the service of their country.

The children listened respectfully throughout the service and were visibly moved by the reading of the poem *Mametz Wood* by First Minister Carwyn Jones and with the singing of 'Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau' and 'God Save the Queen'.

Violet Shelbourne (year-6) said: "An important part of the service was when we had the two minutes' silence, because it's a special time to remember the brave and that's really important to me."

After the service, the children had the honour of meeting the Military Wives Choir and also talked to current service men and women.

Tiana Scanlon-Mkreith (year-6) summed up the importance of the day by saying: "Thank you all the soldiers who had the courage to fight at war for us. I will always remember you and you will always be in my heart."

On November 13, class 4 shared the importance of remembrance with the rest of the school, explaining the important work carried out by the British Legion and how the poppy became the symbol of peace.

The whole school then gathered around the village memorial for a reading from the poem *For the Fallen*, the playing of the Last Post and a two-minute silence, which was impeccably observed.

By St Nicholas C/W Primary School councillors.

Headteacher Miss Evans, Father Martyn and class teacher Mr Downey with Class 4.

Miss Evans helps Ieuan plant his Remembrance cross.

Llancarfan pupils remember the brave...

AHEAD of last weekend's commemoration services, children learned about the symbolism of wearing a poppy and the significance of Remembrance Day.

On Friday, November 10, members of Llancarfan Primary School Council visited the epitaph at St Cadoc's Church, Llancarfan, to hold their own service to pay tribute to war heroes and veterans and commemorate Remembrance Day.

Children made a memory tree on which they placed names of family members lost during times of conflict and wrote moving messages of remembrance. They placed this on the epitaph alongside a large hand crafted poppy.

They recited the poems 'For the Fallen' by Robert Binyon and 'In Flanders Field' by Major John McRae and observed a two-minute silence.

The School Council were also busy selling poppy-themed goods during the week leading up to Remembrance Day.

Thanks go to parents and children who have shown such fantastic support and have been extremely generous purchasing items to help raise funds for the Royal British Legion and armed forces.

WHAT'S ON - IN BRIEF

Big Screen Cowbridge

BIG Screen's next film for this season is *Their Finest* (cert 12A) (starring Gemma Arterton, Sam Claflin and Bill Nighy) on Thursday, November 23 at 7.30pm in the Town Hall.

During the London Blitz, Catrin Cole is recruited by the British Ministry of Information to write scripts for propaganda films. She pursues the idea of using the Dunkirk story as a plot.

Doors open 7.10pm; tickets £4 in advance from the Town Clerk's office, or on the door.

Messy Church in Bonvilston

ON November 19 and on the third Sunday of every month, Messy Church is held in the Bonvilston Reading Room, with fun activities for all of the family (including food and refreshments).

For more information call Lee Dutfield on 07784 869020.

SIGINT, COMINT, SOSUS and GCHQ for the U3A

Geoffrey Prime.

The Doughnut, or GCHQ, in Cheltenham

IS Edward Snowden, a former contractor for the United States government who copied and leaked classified information from the National Security Agency (NSA) in 2013 without authorisation, a despicable traitor or a whistleblower for civil liberties?

Peter Cox, a senior manager who worked at Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ) in Cheltenham for 32 years after joining as a Russian linguist, was in no doubt it was the former description.

At a recent meeting of Cowbridge U3A, he explained that Snowden, now living in temporary asylum in Russia, had done significant harm to the national security of this country, as well as that of the USA, through his disclosures about global surveillance and information gathering.

Although still bound by the Official Secrets Act, Mr Cox revealed that he was now able to give presentations on his career inside the secret world of British Intelligence because of Snowden's leaks; much of the material is freely available on the Internet.

Daily, three billion text messages and 205 billion e-mails are sent worldwide, with 10 billion phone calls made. It is obviously impossible to monitor all of these, so the security services filter the communications data and focus on specific targets, such as hostile governments or regimes, terrorist cells, major criminal organisations (including drug cartels), spy networks and potential military threats.

Unless you are involved in one of the above activities, your information privacy is highly unlikely to be compromised.

GCHQ, set up in the 1950s, is the successor to Bletchley Park where the breaking of encrypted enemy messages probably shortened World War II by two years and may have saved 20 million lives.

Mr Cox then gave the attentive audience details of how the 'Five Eyes' Community of Canada, the USA, the UK, Australia and New Zealand co-operate to collect and share information that enables each to maintain national security.

Listening posts (large receiver dishes) in these five countries or satellites orbiting in space monitor many sources of communication: ship to shore, air to ground, ground to ground, commercial and military satellites. Computer systems may have viruses inserted that allow information to be collected.

It then falls to GCHQ to filter, select, decrypt and process all the raw data, using linguists and analytical tools to produce worthwhile security facts.

Today, codes are far more complex than those cracked by the Bletchley Park boffins and may just consist of long strings of noughts and ones (binary code), although, on occasion, eavesdropping 'in clear' on short-range radio or telephone messages can occur, especially where military units are involved.

These cases, however, may well involve a physical close proximity to the sources, with the additional problem of remaining undetected.

GCHQ had its own spy in the 1980s, when Geoffrey Prime, working as a Russian linguist, passed information ranging from the merely sensitive to matters of the highest secrecy (for example SOSUS, the submarine sound surveillance system) to the Soviets.

Though he insisted he wished to work for them for ideological motives, they still gave him money in return for secrets. Prime eventually served nearly 19 years in prison.

Mr Cox played some tapes of conversations (with subtitles), recorded in July 2014 between Russian-backed Ukrainian separatists and the military in Moscow which left little doubt that the Boeing 777 civilian airliner, en-route from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur, had been shot down by a rebel group, not the Ukrainian government forces.

The final, chilling Russian statement was along the lines of: "It was bringing spies, otherwise, what was it doing in a war zone?"

Technology at GCHQ has moved on from the four track reel-to-reel tape recorders of the early 1980s, but the important work of ensuring that the UK Government has an information advantage continues relentlessly.

The brother of the writer of this piece was employed at GCHQ for less than three years over 30 years ago, but, even now, will answer any question about that establishment with the statement: "I cannot confirm or deny that." Perhaps it's time for him to read online what Edward Snowden has disclosed about Britain's security network.

Next meeting: Entertainment by the Porthcawl Ukulele Band at 2pm on Wednesday, December 13 in Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge (please note change of venue). Visitors welcome (there is a small fee, which includes refreshments). *www.u3asites.org.uk/cowbridge*.

SPM

An inspirational talk by an exceptional man...

Inspirational Paralympian Stephen Thomas.

THE first winter talk at Barry Yacht Club was by a wonderful and inspirational young man by the name of Stephen Thomas, who represented Great Britain in three Summer Paralympics and World Sailing Championships in the 'Mixed Sonar Class'.

Stephen, who was born in Bridgend, was an absolute inspiration to listen to. To have lost both his legs to meningitis when he was just 18 years old with his life ahead of him, must have been truly devastating. He had previously captained the Wales under-18s rugby team.

I found myself wondering how any of us listening to him would have handled such a life-changing event as he did.

There is a saying that goes 'Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass – it's about learning to dance in the rain'.

This young man chose at such a tender age to 'own his life' and he was determined (prosthetic legs and all) to dance in the rain. My goodness – didn't he dance! He has spent the last 20 years of his life training and representing his country as a professional athlete.

He travelled the world in search of his dream, to perfect his craft, to build up his skills and prepare his body for the ultimate test.

His talk was simply enthralling and I for one (and I guess I am not alone in this regard) left Barry Yacht Club having had quite a humbling experience.

This young man taught us all a lesson. We all face issues in our lives that, of course, are difficult and stressful, but few of us will ever experience the personal anguish that he suffered as a teenager.

Stephen showed he may have had a disability but he was not going to live a disabled life. His life was going to be what he wanted it to be and he set the bar very high indeed.

To have achieved all that he has is not just a testimony to his strength of mind and sense of purpose but a testimony to all of us that adversity, albeit a most unwelcome guest, is something that we can all fight against.

Eleanor Roosevelt once said: "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams".

Stephen didn't just believe in the beauty of his dreams, he grasped them with both hands and made his dreams a reality.

Who needs winter nights stuck in front of the TV when you can be inspired and fulfilled by talks like this?

STEVEN LORD

Church looks back in time

DURING the last weekend in October, members and friends of Cadoxton Methodist Church celebrated the 155th anniversary of the church, ***reports a spokesperson.***

The church and the adjoining church hall were thrown open to visitors who were all provided with free tea and cakes in the hall, which was decorated with photographs and artefacts depicting the church's past history while, on a television screen, a moving panorama of pictures was displayed.

In the church, visitors were able to read the original deeds whereby the land and the church property upon it were transferred by indenture dated October 31, 1862, to a list of trustees.

On the Saturday afternoon, the church was glad to welcome the Mayor and Mayoress of Barry, Cllrs Nic and Shirley Hodges, who were presented with a copy of a brief history of the church.

ABOVE: Bill Summerfield presents a history of the chapel to Cllr Hodges.

They were fascinated to learn details of the church's beginnings as was Alun Cairns, Secretary of State for Wales, who was kind enough to join us for our morning worship on Sunday.

He too, was presented with a copy of the brief history and our visitors were told how a Welsh language chapel was opened in 1815 to accommodate Methodist worshippers from Cadoxton and the surrounding villages.

It was called Bethel Chapel and was situated on the eastern side of Cadoxton Common where houses now overlook Cadoxton railway station.

They learned how Mary Ann Elizabeth Jane Morgan, a lady of some substance living at East Barry House, had accompanied her maid to a service of worship and had become so inspired that she, together with Thomas Jenkins of New House, Cadoxton, and others of like mind, became determined to build an English language Wesleyan Methodist chapel, where workers engaged on the land reclamation scheme would be able to worship in a language they could understand.

Thomas Jenkins would supply the land and Mary Morgan would guarantee the cost of the building. Thus, our visitors were able to see the very deeds by which our benefactors, under their own seals, gave us our own church.

Following the Sunday service, members and friends assembled in the church hall for a celebratory lunch which brought a wonderful weekend to a close.

Commenting on the celebrations, church member Bill Summerfield said: "The celebration's success was due almost entirely to the enormous creative efforts of our young leadership team and although, like most churches, Cadoxton Methodist Church has experienced a rollercoaster ride, there is no doubt that with our young team at the helm, the future of the church is in safe hands."

Help for Age Connects from the Freemasons

AGE Connects Cardiff and the Vale is to receive a £6,000 Community Award from the Freemasons following a public vote.

The charity was one of eight to be nominated by Freemasons in south Wales, with local people voting to decide the level of their award. They were part of 178,801 people who voted across England and Wales.

The Community Awards are a major part of Freemasonry's 300th anniversary celebrations. The Masonic Charitable Foundation is distributing three million pounds to 300 charities across the country, with the public vote deciding on the range of awards from £4,000 to £25,000.

Jeff Hawkins, chief executive at Age Connects Cardiff and the Vale, said: "The grant of £6,000 which we have been awarded following the public vote is hugely important. We are very grateful to all of our friends who took the trouble to support us.

"We plan to use this money to support our Senior Health Shop in Barry to continue to deliver a drop-in café and information point. This project has now been in existence for 25 years. Older people come to the Senior Health Shop to socialise, join in activities and to seek information.

"People visiting the shop often comment on it being a wonderful place to meet friends and stay part of the community."

The Masonic Charitable Foundation obtains all of its funding from Freemasons, their families and friends.

RWBro Gareth Jones, OBE from South Wales Freemasons, said: "We are delighted so many people voted in south Wales. Age Connects Cardiff and the Vale was one of eight charities nominated by local Freemasons and I know they will use their £6,000 grant to continue with their outstanding work."

Santa set to visit the Paget Rooms

THE Paget Rooms will be stacked with goodies for Christmas on Saturday, November 18, when the Parish of Penarth and Llandough is holding its annual Christmas Fayre.

Organiser Teresa Owen said: You will not be disappointed if you are looking for unique presents, homemade cakes, biscuits and toys, and there is always the chance of winning something on the tombola and the bottle stall."

Father Christmas will be making an appearance at the event, which will run from 10am to 12 noon.

Entrance is £1, which includes coffee and biscuits.

PACT meetings

DYFAN PACT will take place at Highlight Park Community Centre, Barry on Sunday, November 19 at 7pm.

Cadoc Meet Your Local Officer will take place at Waitrose, Palmerston Road, Barry, on Monday, November 20 between 2pm and 4pm.

Illtyd PACT at All Saints' Church Hall, Park Road, Barry, on Monday, November 20 at 6pm.

Meet Your Local Officer at the Pelican Inn, Ogmore by Sea at 11am on Tuesday, November 28.

WHAT'S ON - IN BRIEF

Christmas art exhibition

A CHRISTMAS exhibition is to be held at Penarth Pier Pavilion from November 28–December 10, between 10am and 5pm.

Paintings, porcelain, art calendars and prints and greeting cards by three Vale artists: Monjulee Webb, Gill Banks and Spencer Penn.

A perfect opportunity to find that special gift.

Check website for access details, at penarthpavilion.co.uk.

Sea Scouts Christmas fayre

THE 11th Barry Sea Scouts Christmas Fayre will be held on Saturday, November 18, from 11am-4pm at Whitecrest, Illminster Street, Barry.

Meet Father Christmas, raffle, bric a brac, games and more.

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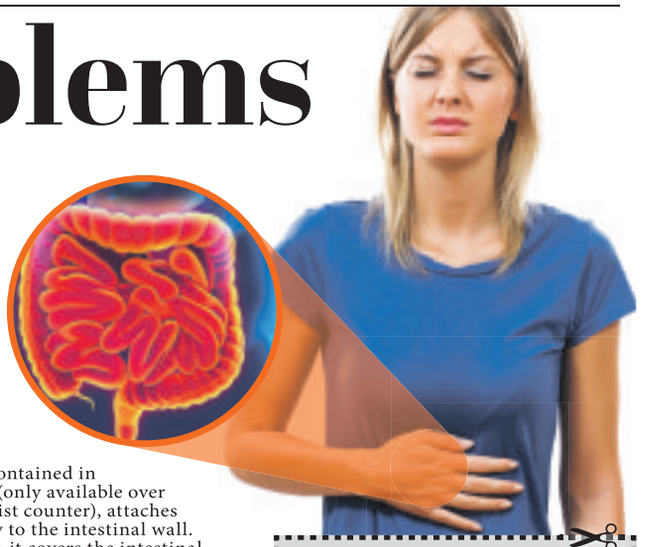
Intestinal problems are no illusion

Scientists get to the bottom of it



Approximately 13 million people in the UK suffer from Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS). In the past, people affected were repeatedly labelled as hypochondriacs. Wrongly so! Scientists have found a possible cause for an irritated bowel. But more importantly: they also found a promising relief for IBS called Kijimea IBS.

IBS: Only one's imagination?

People suffering from Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS) are consistently plagued by bloating or flatulence, abdominal pain, constipation or diarrhoea – sometimes alternately, oftentimes even simultaneously. For many people affected, a large part of their quality of life is lost. What is almost as severe: Many IBS sufferers feel that their problems are not taken seriously. All too often they are labelled as hypochondriacs. Are they only making up their intestinal problems? Nowadays, scientists say no.

Potential cause: an impaired intestinal barrier

More and more researchers today assume that the typical intestinal problems are caused by a damaged intestinal barrier. These damages enable pollutants and pathogens to penetrate the intestinal wall, triggering the typical symptoms such as bloating, diarrhoea, abdominal pain or flatulence. Luckily, researchers also discovered a unique bifidobacteria strain which can help (only in Kijimea IBS).

Effective treatment: a globally unique bifidobacterium

Under the direction of the renowned Prof. Dr. S. Guglielmetti, a team of scientists found out that the bifidobacteria strain B. bifidum MIMBb75, contained in Kijimea IBS (only available over the pharmacist counter), attaches itself directly to the intestinal wall. Symbolically, it covers the intestinal wall like a plaster. A clinical study with IBS sufferers showed that IBS symptoms were significantly alleviated. In some cases, IBS even disappeared completely. Moreover, the study showed that even the quality of life of those affected had significantly improved.

New in the UK – Kijimea IBS

In many other countries, Kijimea IBS has already proven to be extremely successful. This promising product is now available in the UK, too. So, if you repeatedly suffer from intestinal problems such as bloating, abdominal pain, constipation, or diarrhoea, Kijimea IBS might also be an effective help for you. Kijimea IBS is prescription free and has no known side effects.

Kijimea IBS is brand-new!

It is only available by order over the pharmacist counter at
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- Boots (via the Alliance wholesale system) or
- online at www.chemistdirect.co.uk and www.amazon.co.uk

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Dear Pharmacist, Kijimea IBS is new on the UK market. If you cannot find it in your own supplier system, please make a special order through the **Alliance wholesale system.**

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The photo in this advertisement contains a model, not IBS patients. If symptoms worsen and/ or persist, consult a doctor. For more information visit www.kijimea.co.uk

Police remember their predecessors who fell in war

(From left) The Archbishop of Wales, the Most Reverend John Davies, force Chaplain Reverend Glynne James, outgoing South Wales Police Chief Constable Peter Vaughan, and Police and Crime Commissioner Alun Michael at the service.

Marching in memory of those who fell in battle.

Pausing to reflect on lives sacrificed for freedom.

COLLEAGUES and families of police officers and staff who have died while in service were invited to attend a remembrance and dedication event last week at the South Wales Police HQ in Bridgend.

The force's annual service of remembrance, where fallen officers from both World Wars are commemorated, was led by Chief Constable Peter Vaughan and officiated by the force Chaplain Reverend Glynne James.

Some of the descendants of the men named on the memorial were also in attendance.

They included the grandson of ex-rugby international Dick Thomas, who had previously served in the Aberdare, Ystrad Mynach and Bridgend areas of the force and was killed in action at Mametz Wood in 1916.

In total, 93 officers who served with predecessor forces died during the First World War. Their service and sacrifice are acknowledged in a series of booklets created annually to mark the centenary.

The Archbishop of Wales, the Most Reverend John Davies, then led the re-dedication of the new memorial gardens, before wreaths and floral tributes were laid by families and colleagues. The Chief Constable also laid a wreath at the memorial sundial.

The garden features a series of semi-circular memorial walls which include the names of all colleagues who have died in service since the formation of the force in June 1969.

Plaques inscribed with the details of each of them have been mounted on slate and placed on the curved walls.

Chief Constable Peter Vaughan said: "When we realised the previous garden would need to be moved we decided this was an opportunity to create a new space befitting the memory of all colleagues who have passed away while serving the force and its communities.

"The grounds to the front of the building have been transformed and the garden is now prominently positioned directly opposite our war memorial.

"A slate sun-dial which featured in the previous garden has also been repositioned, and can now be found directly opposite the site's main entrance; a location which we hope will serve as an appropriate reminder to us all of the relevance and importance of our police family."

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UK aerospace industry is booming, not crashing

IN response to Mr Name and Address Supplied's letter in last week's GEM, I feel that despite it not being my job to defend the Aerospace Business Park at St Athan, as the Welsh Assembly employ people to do that, I feel that I need to clarify a few points.

The Defence Aviation Repair Agency (DARA) did not fail; it was at the time of closing down the St Athan part of the business, a £200m organisation.

The closure was a Government decision based on an MoD produced 'End to End' study, that effectively relocated the work that was being done at St Athan. The engine work went to Gosport in England, and the components work relocated to Almondbank in Scotland.

The work is still being done to this day, albeit not at St Athan. The true cost of devolution perhaps?

As for the current state of the aerospace industry in the UK, a report recently released by Deloitte projects that, 'Sector revenues will likely grow by about 2 per cent in 2017, being driven by higher defence spending and strong passenger travel demand, especially in the Middle East'.

The UK aerospace industry is massive, and booming.

According to figures quoted by the industry's trade organisation, ADS, it had sales of over £31 bn last year, up almost £2bn on the previous year. This is a boon to UKPLC exports, as around 90 per cent of these sales are to organisations outside of UK borders.

Locally, General Electric (GE) at Nantgarw have fought off global competition to become the maintenance facility for the massive GE9EX turbo-fan engine.

So, one can conclude that the UK aerospace industry is not in decline, as has been suggested.

Perhaps this is not the reason why few businesses have relocated to St Athan in the decade since DARA was relocated out of Wales, and 3,000 of us lost our careers.

Again, it's not my job to suggest incentives, as the Welsh Assembly employ people to do this; but if it were in my power, I would establish a world class aerospace training facility at the site, in association with the two local education facilities currently providing training for this sector.

The Vale Council could play its part in attracting businesses to St Athan by slashing rates, and the Assembly could reduce rents to a minimum; or even zero.

Given the right package of support from its owners, the Welsh Assembly, St Athan could return to its heyday when thousands of people worked in high paid, technical jobs there.

The site opened in the late 1930s and never had a need for a specific road to it, because aircraft tend to fly into bases for maintenance.

However, a new road would be a real advantage to any factory that is set up at St Athan, and it would be particularly helpful to one that operated car transporter lorries.

It would benefit Mr 'Name and Address Supplied' to look beyond the smoke and mirrors reasoning for this Northern Approach Road (NAR), and start defending the St Athan Aerospace Business Park.

If this dream is allowed to die, this will have no effect on the NAR, but could result in a massive housing estate as well.

That would be very handy for any factories located at St Athan, but would be a massive loss to the region.

Ade Pitman, Barry.

First Minister in the spotlight

FOR the second time, in as many years we have had to endure the television news spectacle of a reluctant Welsh First Minister, being pushed to make an uncomfortable official statement.

It has only been a few years since we received the first one concerning 'Welsh Government Land Sold at below Market Value'. After last week's tragic event, we now have the second and are told that our leadership was only following 'The Book'.

I am not sure which Human Resources Book was used, but in my experience, a disciplinary procedure is a formal, closed, internal process only involving those concerned.

It privately gives due consideration to the facts, so that a correct impartial judgement can be made. It certainly does not involve the head of the disciplinary panel giving the local news media a briefing, before any proceedings have taken place.

What strikes me about the events driving both of these statements is how amateurish and shambolic our Assembly leadership must be and the political arrogance as it claims otherwise.

Ian Williams, St Athan.

Danter's inferno

OH Mr Danter, what can you do,

When it seems like the Council keep harping on at you?

You came to Barry, you have great plans
To make our funfair the best in the land.
Investing your fortune so when the sun shines,
The people who live here can share the good times.
You put life back when it needed it most,
By bringing the crowds that flock to the coast.
Now dear Henry, you must 'Take down your wheel,
'Don't you know it's not a done deal!'
So many obstacles in your path it seems,
That stand in the way of your super dreams.
But do not flounder as others have done,
Don't give up and spoil our fun –
For when you see all the changes you've made,
Then no-one can rain on your parade!

Tabery, Barry.

'Driving standards in south Wales are poor' READER

WITH another half term out of the way, I wonder if I am alone in noticing that the already poor standard of driving these days gets even worse during school holidays?

I have a fairly logical theory as to why this is the case, but I would like to make an appeal to all driving instructors to instil a few basics into the heads of their pupils. For example:

1. The first rule of the road is keep left. This means not hugging the white line, nor driving in the centre of the lane, but to the left of it, closer to the kerb.

2. The vehicle you are driving is about a foot slimmer than you think it is!

3. It is OK to pass a parked vehicle, even when there are vehicles coming towards you on the other side of the road (try a space awareness course).

4. The correct way to turn right at a junction when another car is doing the same from the opposite direction, is for you both to turn right at the rear of the other drivers car, as opposed to slamming on your brakes 20 feet away, and flashing your lights.

I could go on, believe me, but even these simple improvements would make life so much easier, and help south Wales driving skills come closer to other regions of the UK.

I'm assuming of course, that instructors are skilled enough to understand my points, but on reflection, given that they seem to have missed a couple of generations of existing drivers, this may appear to be wishful thinking on my part.

Peter Reed, Penarth.

The Barry and District League tables and results

Crib Division 1

Rhoose Social 9, West End 6; West End Runaways 8, Cadoxton Cons 7; Liberals 10, Wyndham Cons 5.

League table: West End Runaways 66, Liberals 64, Cadoxton Cons 62, Wyndham Cons 59, Rhoose Social 54, West End 52, Moors Boys 48.

Skittles Division 1

King William XII 5, Rhoosters 2; Rugby Club 5½, Slammers 1½; Rhoose Social A 2, Barry Town Fc 5; Rhoose Social B 5½, Liberals A 1½; Cambrian Flyers 1, Allsorts 6; Barries Boys 3, Sea View B 4; Liberals C 1, West End C 6; West End D 3, Rhoose Social C 4.

League table: Rugby Club 43.5, West End D 34.5, West End C 34.0, King William XII 32.0, Rhoose Social B 30.0, Rhoosters 28.5, Allsorts 28.0, Slammers 26.0, Rhoose Social A 25.0, Sea View B 22.5, Rhoose Social C 20.0, Cambrian Flyers 20.0, Liberals A 19.5, Liberals C 19.5, Barry Town FC 19.0, Barries Boys 18.0.

Snooker Division 1

Liberators 2, Harbour B 3; Wyndham Cons A 4, Services Social B 1; Savoy A 5, Savoy B 0; Rhoose Social B 3, Penarth Cons A 2; West End C 4, Cadoxton Cons B 1.

League table: Harbour B 39, Savoy A 27, Cadoxton Cons B 26, Cadoxton Cons Z 23, Wyndham Cons A 23, Services Social B 21, West End C 20, Liberators 15, Rhoose Social B 15, Savoy B 15, Penarth Cons A 11.

Snooker Division 2

Harbour A 3, Cadoxton Misfits 2; Cadoxton Cons A 3, Penarth Cons 2; Wyndham Cons D 2, West End A 3; West End B 4, Castle A 1; Rhoose Social C 3, Sully Sports A 2; Market Street B 4, Market Street C 1.

League table: Rhoose Social C 33, Cadoxton Misfits 31, Market Street B 30, Market Street C 26, Wyndham Cons D 26, Harbour A 25, West End A 25, Penarth Cons B 24, Cadoxton Cons A 23, West End B 21, Sully Sports A 18, Castle A 13.

* = **Points deducted.**

All league & cup fixtures and results at www.barryleagues.co.uk and on Facebook – search for 'barry leagues'.

JW

Barry too good for Llandudno

BARRY Town United made it six points from six this November on the weekend - and will now travel to Newtown this Saturday afternoon (2.30pm kick-off) for what appears to be a classic six-pointer.

Victory for the travelling Town against the Robins would take them eight points clear of the JD Welsh Premier League ever-presents and potentially into the top six, should other results go their way.

However, a win for Newtown though would bring them within two points of Barry, easing their relegation fears and keeping themselves a step ahead of Aberystwyth Town and Prestatyn Town.

Barry and Newtown have already met once this JD Welsh Premier League campaign, with a brace from striker Kayne McLaggon handing the Town the September spoils in a 2-0 win at Jenner Park.

Last weekend, Gavin Chesterfield's team would be 2-0 winners again, earning retribution against former JD Welsh Premier League leaders Llandudno in a match broadcast live on BBC Radio Wales.

Kicking off with the same team that started the 1-0 win at The New Saints, Barry began on the front foot, with Louis Gerrard firing wide after good work from McLaggon, who himself would threaten.

Finding their feet under new manager Iwan Williams, the visitors' resistance was broken in the 31st minute, when Jordan Cotterill showed strong control and vision to pick out teammate McLaggon.

Kayne McLaggon is now on eight goals for the season.

Under pressure from a Llandudno defender, Barry's leading goalscorer then flicked the ball on for Chris Hugh, who regained his feet after the initial tackle and slid the ball beyond the goalkeeper.

Highly-respected for his role in the Barry defence, the opener marked Hugh's first for the club, on what was his 48th competitive appearance. One goal to the good, the Town were up and running.

Seven minutes later, Barry doubled their advantage, punishing a lapse in the Llandudno midfield.

Beating his man to the ball, it was Cotterill again who got things rolling, feeding McLaggon in space.

Terrorising his marker with a step over, McLaggon then unleashed a low, long-range strike that bounced at the right point to bamboozle and beat a diving Dave Roberts in the Seasiders' goal.

Chris Hugh celebrates his first goal for Barry Town United. ALL PICTURES BY KEVIN MOORE

Pounding the ground in frustration, Roberts had marshalled a top defensive display in September's reverse fixture, but now found his side some two goals adrift against a Town team with their tail up.

In the second half, Roberts would be forced to make a fantastic stop from substitute Drew Fahiya, doing well to also save a header from captain Ryan Evans, after Hugh's corner kick from the right.

At the opposite end though, his teammates could pose little threat to Barry goalkeeper Mike Lewis and the Town instead saw out their fifth JD Welsh Premier League victory of the 2017-18 campaign.

Now, as attention turns to the pursuit of a sixth, success at Newtown on Saturday afternoon could see Barry stake their claim for sixth position; an example of how quickly things can change in the JD Welsh Premier League, after the club had struggled to turn good play into results across October.

The following weekend then sees another trip to a Welsh Cup haunt, as the Town tackle Cefn Druids at the Rock, aiming to avenge a 5-2 loss there in 2014 and the 3-1 setback at Jenner Park in October.

AC

Barrivale Bridge Club LATEST RESULTS

THE results for the Barrivale Bridge Club session on October 31 are as follows.

The winners were: first, Alan Jones and Lyn Matthews (60.42 per cent). Second, Kay Dyer and Mike Close (58.85) and joint third, Celia and Huw Thomas, and Jane Brook and Sean MacDougall (55.21).

The handicap winners were Hilary Lawrence and Vivien Liles.

The results for the Barrivale Bridge Club session on November 7 are as follows:

The winners were: 1 Irene Thomas and Kay Dyer 68.57 per cent; 2 Mike Close and Mick Green 66.67 per cent; 3 Alan Jones and Lyn Matthews 61.43 per cent.

The handicap winners were Irene Thomas and Kay Dyer.

As always, new members are welcome at the club and a partner may be arranged if required. If you would like to join us call 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592; or call in at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Also, the beginners' and improvers' classes continue to run on Friday mornings.

Linda Houston

Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club results

RESULTS for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for November 13:

Children in Need sims event - 1st Anne Hughes & Trish Roe 59.09%, 2nd Kevin Maddox & Mike Best 57.01%, 3rd Alan & Elaine Robbins 56.44%.

LE

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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE ORDER, SECTION 16A ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

PENARTH PARADE AND ILLUMINATIONS

SUNDAY 19th NOVEMBER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Vale of Glamorgan Council have made an order under Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as follows:-

WHEREAS during certain hours of the day and date specified in column 1 of the Schedule hereto the streets or part thereof listed in column 2 of the said schedule will be used for the holding of a relevant event as described in Section 16(A)(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Council, pursuant to the powers conferred by Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 do **HEREBY ORDER AND DIRECT** in order to facilitate the holding of the event, enable members of the public to watch the said event and to reduce the disruption to traffic likely to be caused by the event the following regulation shall be observed:-

THAT, except as provided by the order, the said streets or parts thereof shall be closed to all vehicular traffic including pedal cycles with the exception of Emergency Services vehicles between the hours specified in column 3 of the said schedule. The penalty for infringement of the said regulation is a fine not exceeding £1000.00.

Schedule

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Sunday 19th November 2017	**Glebe Street, Penarth** between Ludlow Street and Windsor Road **Diversions** shall be via Ludlow Lane and Albert Road. In addition the "one way" order on Arcot Lane known as **The Vale of Glamorgan Council Penarth Town Centre (Consolidation and Amendments) Order 200**9, in so far as it relates to the one way restriction on Arcot Lane, will be suspended for the duration of this order.	8.00am and 8.00pm
	A4160 Windsor Road, between Arcot Street and Albert Road **Diversions** for southeast bound traffic shall be in place via Arcot Street, Plassey Street and Albert Road, while diversions for northwest bound traffic shall be along Stanwell Road and Hickman Road.	8.00am and 8.00pm

Pedestrian Access will be maintained

Dated this 16th of November 2017

M. E. Punter, Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA

CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

GORCHYMYN CAU FFORDD DROS DRO, ADRAN 16A DEDDF RHEOLEIDDIO TRAFFIG FFYRDD 1984

PARÊD A GOLEUADAU PENARTH

DYDD SUL 19 TACHWEDD 2017

RHODDIR HYSBYSIAD DRWY HYN fod Cyngor Bro Morgannwg wedi gwneud y gorchymyn canlynol dan Adran 16A Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984:-

DRWY HYN, yn ystod oriau penodol o'r diwrnod ac ar y dyddiad a nodir yng ngholofn 1 yr Atodlen caiff y strydoedd neu'r rhannau o'r strydoedd a nodir yng ngholofn 2 yr Atodlen honno eu defnyddio i gynnal digwyddiad perthnasol fel y disgrifir yn Adran 16(A) (1) Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984, mae'r Cyngor, yn unol â'r pwerau a ddyfernir iddo dan Adran 16A Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984, yn **GORCHYMYN AC YN CYFARWYDDO**, er mwyn hwyluso'r gwaith o gynnal y digwyddiad, galluogi aelodau'r cyhoedd i wylio'r digwyddiad hwnnw a lleihau unrhyw effaith ar draffig a achosir gan y digwyddiad, cydymffurfiaeth â'r rheoliad canlynol:-

Y CYFYNGIR, ac eithrio'r hyn y darperir ar ei gyfer yn y gorchymyn, y defnydd o'r strydoedd neu rannau o'r strydoedd a nodir i draffig cerbydau, gan gynnwys beiciau pedal, ac eithrio i gerbydau'r Gwasanaethau Brys, rhwng yr oriau a nodir yng ngholofn 3 o'r atodlen a nodir. Y gosb am dorri'r rheoliad yw dirwy hyd at £1000.00.

Atodlen

Colofn 1	Colofn 2	Colofn 3
Dydd Sul 19 Tachwedd 2017	**Glebe Street, Penarth** rhwng Ludlow Street a Windsor Road Bydd **gwyriadau** ar hyd Ludlow Lane ac Albert Road. Yn ogystal, caiff y gorchymyn "un ffordd" ar Arcot Lane a adnabyddir fel **Gorchymyn Canol Tref Penarth Cyngor Bro Morgannwg (Cydgyfnerthu a Diwygiadau) 2009,** i'r graddau y mae'n berthnasol i'r cyfyngiad un ffordd ar Arcot Lane, ei atal tra bydd y gorchymyn hwn mewn grym.	8.00am a 8.00pm
	A4160 Windsor Road, rhwng Arcot Street a Albert Road Bydd **gwyriadau** ar gyfer traffig sy'n teithio i'r de-ddwyrain ar hyd Arcot Street, Plassey Street a Albert Road a bydd gwyriadau ar gyfer traffig sy'n teithio i'r gogledd-orllewin ar hyd Stanwell Road a Hickman Road.	8.00am a 8.00pm

Caniateir mynediad i gerddwyr ar bob adeg.

Dyddiedig 16 Tachwedd 2017

M. E. Punter
Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, Yr Alpau Gwenfô CF5 6AA

NEWS IN BRIEF

PACT meeting amendment

MAESTEG East/West and Llangynwyd PACT public meeting will be held on Thursday, November 23 at Cwm Calon Day Centre at 6pm.

Nail cutting service

AGE Connects Cardiff and Vale provide a nail cutting service and basic foot care services to older people.

All practitioners are trained and registered with Cardiff Health Board and the service costs £13. Nail cutting services are held in Highlight Park Medical Centre every Thursday from 8.40am to 4.20pm; at Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry fortnightly on Monday from 1pm to 4pm; and at the Western Vale Medical Centre, at The Square, St Athan once a month on Monday from 9am to 12pm.

Nail cutting is by appointment - call 02922 331113.

Christmas craft fair

ON Saturday , November 18, a craft fair will be held at All Saints' Church, Park Road, Barry in aid of the Roof Restoration Project.

Open from 10.30am until 3pm a large number of stalls will be there, with Christmas gift ideas, a cake stall and raffle. Tickets £1 which includes a cup of tea or coffee. All are very welcome to attend.

Councillors' surgery

LLANTWIT First Independent Councillors will hold a surgery at the Heritage Centre, Town Hall, Llantwit Major on Saturday, November 18 from 9.30am – 11.30am. Residents who have any issue to raise are welcome to attend.

GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG
GORCHYMYN CAU FFORDD DROS DRO, ADRAN 16A
DEDDF RHEOLEIDDIO TRAFFIG FFYRDD 1984

GOLEUADAU
A MARCHNAD NADOLIG SGWÂR Y BRENIN, Y BARRI

DYDD GWENER 24 - DYDD SUL 26 TACHWEDD 2017

Gorchymyn Dan Adran 16A Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984.
Er mwyn atal rhwystro ac ati

RHODDIR HYSBYSIAD DRWY HYN fod Cyngor Bro Morgannwg wedi gwneud Gorchymyn dan Adran 16A Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 fel a ganlyn:

LLE mae Cyngor Bro Morgannwg fel yr Awdurdod Priffyrdd yn fodlon y dylid cyfyngu ar draffig ar y strydoedd neu rannau ohonynt fel y nodir yng ngholofn 2 o'r Atodlen i alluogi digwyddiad perthnasol, mae'r Cyngor, yn unol â'r pwerau a roddir iddo gan Adran 16A Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984, yn **GORCHYMYN AC YN CYFEIRIO** er mwyn hwyluso digwyddiad, galluogi'r cyhoedd i wylio'r digwyddiad a lleihau tarfu i draffig y mae'r digwyddiad yn debygol o'i achosi, glynir wrth y rheoliadau canlynol:-

GWAHERDDIR ac eithrio'r hyn y darperir ar ei gyfer yn y gorchymyn, y defnydd o'r strydoedd neu rannau o'r strydoedd a nodir i draffig cerbydau, gan gynnwys beiciau pedal, ac eithrio cerbydau'r Gwasanaethau Brys a deiliaid trwyddedau i breswylwyr, rhwng yr oriau a nodir yng ngholofn 3 o'r atodlen.

Y gosb am beidio â chydymffurfio â'r rheoliad hwn fydd dirwy o hyd at £1,000.

Atodlen

Colofn 1	Colofn 2	Colofn 3
Dydd Gwener 24 Tachwedd 2017 i Ddydd Sul 26 Tachwedd 2017	Yr ardal i'w chau yw Heol Holltwn, y Barri o'r gyffordd â T -Newydd Road i bwynt 50m i'r dwyrain o'r gyffordd â Llantwit Street.	O 6.00pm Ddydd Gwener 24 Tachwedd 2017 i 10.00pm Ddydd Sul 26 Tachwedd 2017

Sicrheir mynediad i gerddwyr bob amser.

Dyddiedig 16 Tachwedd 2017

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GORCHYMYN CAU FFORDD DROS DRO, ADRAN 16A
DEDDF RHEOLEIDDIO TRAFFIG FFYRDD 1984

CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS AND MARKET KING SQUARE, BARRY

FRIDAY 24th - SUNDAY 26th NOVEMBER 2017

Order Under Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984
For the prevention of obstruction etc

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The Vale of Glamorgan Council has made an Order under Section 16A, Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as follows:

WHEREAS the Vale of Glamorgan Council as Highway Authority is satisfied that traffic on the streets or parts thereof as listed in column 2 of the Schedule should be restricted to enable the holding of a relevant event, the Council, pursuant to the powers conferred by Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, do **HEREBY ORDER AND DIRECT** in order to facilitate the holding of the event, enable members of the public to watch the said event and to reduce the disruption to traffic likely to be caused by the event the following regulations shall be observed:-

THAT except as provided by the order, the said streets or parts thereof listed in schedule 1 shall be closed to all vehicular traffic including pedal cycles with the exception of Emergency Services vehicles and resident permit holders between the hours specified in column 3 of the schedule.

The penalty for infringement of this regulation is a fine not exceeding £1,000.

Schedule 1

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Friday 24th November 2017 To Sunday 26th November 2017	The area to be closed is Holton Road Barry from its junction with Ty-Newydd Road to a point 50m east of its junction with Llantwit Street.	From 6.00pm on Friday 24th November 2017 to 10.00pm 0n Sunday 26th November 2017

Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times.

Dated this 16th of November 2017

M. E. Punter, Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE ORDER, SECTION 16A ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

DICKENSIAN FAYRE – DINAS POWYS

FRIDAY 1st DECEMBER 2017

Order Under Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984
For the prevention of obstruction etc

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Vale of Glamorgan Council have made an order under Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as follows:-

WHEREAS during certain hours of the day and date specified in column 1 of the Schedule hereto the streets or part thereof listed in column 2 of the said schedule will be used for the holding of a relevant event as described in Section 16(A)(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Council, pursuant to the powers conferred by Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 do **HEREBY ORDER AND DIRECT** in order to facilitate the holding of the event, enable members of the public to watch the said event and to reduce the disruption to traffic likely to be caused by the event the following regulation shall be observed:-

THAT, except as provided by the order, the said streets or parts thereof shall be closed to all vehicular traffic, including pedal cycles, with the exception of Emergency Services Vehicles between the hours specified in column 3 of the said schedule. The penalty for infringement of the said regulation is a fine not exceeding £1000.00.

Schedule

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Friday 1st December 2017	**Station Road** from its junction with Britway Road adjacent to The Square, to the vehicle access to the Star Hotel (both sides of The Twyn). Local diversions shall be in place via The Mount and Britway Road.	5.00pm to 9.30pm

Local signed diversions shall be in place.

Dated this 16th day of November 2017

M. E. Punter,
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA

CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG
GORCHYMYN CAU FFORDD DROS DRO, ADRAN 16A
DEDDF RHEOLEIDDIO TRAFFIG FFYRDD 1984

FFAIR DICKENSIAN - DINAS POWYS

DYDD GWENER 1 RHAGFYR 2017

Gorchymyn Dan Adran 16A Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 I atal rhwystro ayyb

RHODDIR HYSBYSIAD DRWY HYN fod Cyngor Bro Morgannwg wedi gwneud y gorchymyn canlynol dan Adran 16A Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984:-

DRWY HYN yn ystod oriau penodol o'r diwrnod ac ar y dyddiad a nodir yng ngholofn 1 yr Atodlen caiff y strydoedd neu'r rhannau o'r strydoedd a nodir yng ngholofn 2 yr Atodlen honno eu defnyddio i gynnal digwyddiad perthnasol fel y disgrifir yn Adran 16(A) (1) Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984, mae'r Cyngor yn unol â'r pwerau a ddyfernir iddo dan Adran 16A Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 yn **GORCHYMYN AC YN CYFEIRIO** er mwyn hwyluso'r gwaith o gynnal y digwyddiad, galluogi aelodau'r cyhoedd i wylio'r digwyddiad hwnnw ac i leihau ar unrhyw effaith ar draffig a achosir gan y digwyddiad, y dylid cydymffurfio â'r rheoliad canlynol:-

AC EITHRIO i'r hyn y darperir ar ei gyfer yn y gorchymyn, caiff y strydoedd neu'r defnydd o'r strydoedd neu'r rhannau o'r strydoedd a nodir, eu cau i'r holl draffig cerbydau, gan gynnwys beiciau pedal, ac eithrio i Gerbydau'r Gwasanaethau Brys, rhwng yr oriau a nodir yng ngholofn 3 o'r atodlen a nodir. Y gosb am dorri'r rheoliad yw dirwy hyd at £1000.00.

Schedule

Colofn 1	Colofn 2	Colofn 3
Dydd Gwener 1 Rhagfyr 2017	**Station Road** o'r gyffordd â Britway Road sy'n gyfagos i'r Sgwâr, i fynedfa cerbydau The Star Hotel (dwy ochr Y Twyn). Bydd gwyriadau lleol ar waith ar hyd The Mount a Britway Road.	5.00pm tan 9.30pm

Bydd Arwyddion i'r Gwyriad yn cael eu gosod

Dyddiedig 16 Tachwedd 2017

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British & Irish Lions: Uncovered documentary charts great sporting achievement

Review by GARETH JAMIESON

IT'S been a year of sporting achievements for the home nations, with England seemingly winning every football World Cup at every level other than the senior team, the success of Lewis Hamilton picking up his fourth Formula 1 world title and Anthony Joshua continuing to dominate the heavyweight boxing scene.

However, perhaps one of the finest sporting achievements took place in New Zealand during June and July as the British & Irish Lions travelled to the land of the long white cloud to take on a number of regional teams before facing a three-test series against reigning world champions the All Blacks, who hadn't lost on home turf since 2009.

As daunting as facing a team like the All Blacks is, what's even more daunting is bringing together the best players from the four home nations – England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland – into a squad of 42 players, and trying to blend them into a fluid unit, a task given yet again to Wales coach Warren Gatland, who memorably guided the Lions to a tour victory over Australia four years previously.

To be in the middle of the British & Irish Lions maelstrom must be incredible, and a new documentary, British & Irish Lions: Uncovered, does just that.

A perennial feature of the Lions' tours since 1997, the behind-the-scenes documentary takes you both on and off the pitch with the team and the staff around them, and gives you valuable insight into the mindset of the squad as they work their way through the unrelenting schedule before being given the Herculean task of trying to beat their hosts.

From the early moments of the tour, through to the slightly awkward post-match celebrations after the third test which saw the series shared with one win each (and a nerve-shredding draw in the final game), the documentary immerses you in the day-to-day of being part of one of the most incredible sporting traditions, and much like previous entries in the series, showcase the personalities of players and staff that you don't usually see.

It also shows how hard-hitting a tour it was (in particular Stuart Hogg's rather gruesome eye injury), and how determined everyone involved was to try and secure a historic victory, with pre- and post-match speeches from the likes of Gatland, first test captain Peter O'Mahony and tour captain Sam Warburton sending tingles down the spine (and perhaps a tear or two!).

A must for rugby fans, and a commemoration of one of the year's finest sporting achievements, British & Irish Lions: Uncovered is available now on DVD and Blu-ray from all usual stockists.

MESSY CHURCH AT ALL SAINTS'

THE next monthly Messy Church session at All Saints' Church in Penarth is Sunday, November 19 starting at 4pm.

Bring the family along for a variety of crafts, games and other activities on this month's theme which is 'Listening to God'. There will then be a short time of informal worship followed by a cooked tea for all.

There is no charge, although donations towards the cost of food are welcome. Call Emma on 07940 046906 for more information.

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Barratt site manager named as one of UK's best housebuilders

JOHN POPPLE of Barratt and David Wilson Homes South Wales won a regional title in the third round of the NHBC Pride in the Job Awards 2017 recently.

He was honoured for his dedication to building homes of exceptional quality before an audience of 300 leading industry figures for his site, Parkside at Waterfront Barry.

Now in its 37th year, Pride in the Job, organised by NHBC, the UK's leading new home warranty insurance provider, is the most highly regarded competition in the house-building industry, dedicated to recognising site managers who achieve the highest standards in house building.

Judging for the awards is rigorous, beginning in July 2016, with each site manager assessed across 44 areas of site management, including technical knowledge, consistency in the build process and the quality controls in place. John was selected from more than 16,000 UK site managers, and is one of three to be recognised at a ceremony held at Cardiff City Hall. John will now go on to compete for a Supreme Award to be announced at a gala ceremony in January 2018.

John Popple received his NHBC Pride in the Job award recently.

Commenting on the awards, Paul Edwards, NHBC regional director, said: "Every year, the NHBC Pride in the Job Awards give us the chance to recognise the dedication of the UK top site managers and their commitment to new home quality."

"Last year, NHBC registered over 4,500 new homes in Wales. It is site managers like John who play an important role in delivering these, while pushing up the standards of new homes, through their persistence, passion and a commitment to build homes of the highest quality for their customers and we wish them all the success in the future."

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• Three bedroom mid terrace property• Situated in the popular West end of Barry • In walking distance of High Street shops • Small, enclosed rear courtyard • Providing links to Cardiff and Bridgend • Offered for sale with no chain

Queen Street, Barry - £131,500

• Two bedroom bay fronted property • Benefiting from the addition of a loft room • South facing garden Situated in the West end of Barry • Enclosed small forecourt and rear garden • Offered for sale with no chain

Princes Street, Barry - £135,000

• Extended and renovated throughout • Three bedroom semi detached residence • Set within the highly desirable Garden Suburb • Off road parking for up to four vehicles Enclosed garden to rear

Porth Y Castell, Barry - £375,000

• Two bedroom, bay fronted, terrace property • Situated in the West end of Barry • Close to all local amenities • Forecourt and enclosed rear garden • Lane access Offered for sale with no chain

Trinity Street, Barry - £124,995

• An opportunity to acquire a bay fronted • Four bedroom mid terrace property • Situated in the West end of Barry • Enclosed forecourt and garage • Close to all local amenities • Offered for sale with no chain

Park Crescent, Barry - £189,950

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Family Notices

LLOYD
Jean Ann

(Formerly of Pentre Farm, Llantrithyd)
Passed away peacefully at home, Tuesday, 7th November.

Funeral service at Cardiff and Vale Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Thursday, 23rd November at 1pm. Donations would be greatly appreciated by Marie Curie.

MORLEY
Graeme

Peacefully on November 4th at Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth. Graeme, well known former governor of Sully Primary School and governor of Stanwell and Ysgol Y Deri Schools. A devoted husband to Victoria, much loved dad of Luke, Thomas, Joseph and Nathaniel.

Graeme will be greatly missed by all his family and many friends.

Resting in the private chapel of The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until his service of thanksgiving at All Saints Church, Victoria Square, Penarth on Wednesday, November 22nd at 2pm. Graeme will be laid to rest in his hometown of Inverness, Scotland. Family floral tributes only, donations, if desired, may be made at the service or sent to the funeral home.

All donations received to support Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth and Ysgol Y Deri School in memory of Graeme. You are welcome to leave your personal messages and memories via Graeme's online tribute page at www.valefuneralservice.co.uk.

Further enquiries from Lyndsay Ellis 01446 407962.

BOETTJER
Kim June (Née Bayliss)

Peacefully at home, on Friday, 10th November, Kim, cherished mother of Marc, beloved partner of Keith (Watkins), Is-y-Coed Farm, Llansannor, Cowbridge.

Dearly loved daughter of the late Ron and Iris, adored grandmother and much loved sister, sister-in-law and aunt.

Kim will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

The funeral will be held at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend on Thursday, 23rd November at 1.15pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to The Dogs Trust c/o W.H. Preene & Son, Mwyndy, Pontyclun, CF72 8PN. (Tel 01443 223368).

WILSON
Alan Stuart

29.9.43 - 04.11.17

Alan has packed his rucksack and butties for the last time. He set off for his final walk on 4.11.17 from Barry Hospital, following a long illness. A kind and clever man who impressed his family with his comprehensive store of facts, much of it useful, some not so much! He was a loving husband of Lyn for 48 years, beloved and much respected dad of Matthew, Hannah and Laura. Loved bampi of Tanwen, and grandad with the beard to Owen, Nia and Luke. Big brother to Margaret and Mike.

Resident of St Mary Church, BP Chemicals employee all his working life, member of Cowbridge Male Voice Choir for 35 years, multi-skilled participant of Half Tidy and enthusiastic volunteer for Valeways.

Celebration of his life will take place at Coychurch Crematorium on Friday, 24 November at 11am. Donations in lieu of flowers will be gratefully accepted for Valeways or the Forget Me Not Chorus.

Donations may be sent to Robert D Johnson, Independent Funeral Directors, 29 Holton Road, Barry. CF63 4HA. Tel 01446 733844.

JENKINS
Mary

Mary passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, 11th November. Beloved wife of the late Brom Jenkins of Model Farm, loving mother of Gethin and the late Griff, much loved by all her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Monday, 20th November, service 1.15pm at Porthkerry Church, followed by interment at Porthkerry Cemetery.

Family flowers only, donations, if desired, to the Alzheimers Society.

PRICE
Jean Anne
(Née Wakely, formerly Martin)

Peacefully after a long illness at University Hospital of Wales Cardiff on 8th November 2017, Jean, aged 83 years. Beloved wife of the late Don, much loved mum of Mary, David and the late Glyn, step mother to Terrence. Loved mother-in-law, grandmother, great grandmother and aunt.

Jean will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service in the Chapel of Rest on Wednesday, 22nd November at 9.30am, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if so desired, for The British Heart Foundation c/o the funeral director.

DAVIES
Charmaine

Peacefully passed away on the 5th November, 2017. Much loved and missed by mother Julia, husband Geraint and children Ryan and Amy.

Funeral to take place at St. Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major on Monday, 20th November at 1pm, followed by private family interment.

Family flowers only. Donations in lieu would be appreciated to Charmaine's chosen charity Tŷ Hafan c/o Mel & Ron Watkins Funeral Services, 2 Hilda House, The Square, Pencoed, Bridgend, CF35 5NP. Tel 01656 860545.

Memorial Service

THOMAS
Beryl Rosemary

Beryl, loving wife of the late Hugh John Thomas.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, 25th November at 2pm at St John the Baptist Church, Llanblethian.

Acknowledgements

ROBINSON
Bill

The family of the late Bill Robinson would like to thank everyone for their condolences and kind wishes during their recent loss, and donations in Bill's name to SHUA.

Special thanks to Revs Rhian Prime, Lance Clark and Edwin Counsell, carers from Hallows Care and members of the Royal Air Force family. Thanks also to the doctors, nurses and receptionists at Chapel Surgery and staff of St Athan pharmacy.

BREWER
Ron

Maureen and family would like to thank all those who attended Ron's funeral. We were touched by the lovely cards and messages received, of which there were many. Thank you for all the donations received for the Alzheimer's Society.

Our thanks go to Brocastle Manor Nursing Home, Bridgend, for the wonderful care Ron received.

Special thanks to Mr John James and to the Reverend Melanie Prince for officiating Ron's service.

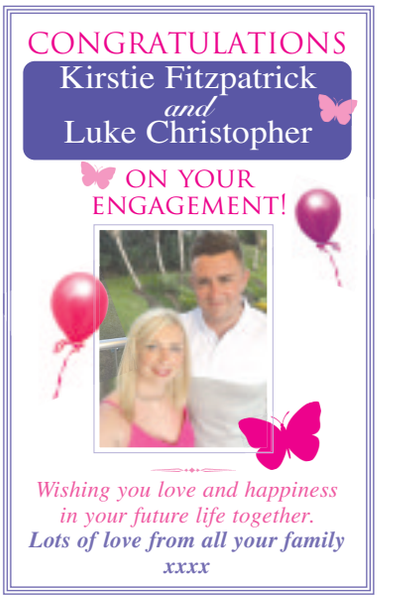
MATTHEWS
Colin Rees

Sue, Haley and families would like to express their sincerest thanks to the many who attended Colin's funeral service. Also the Rev Phyl Fanning, Lyndsay Ellis at the Vale Funeral Service, especially Ben who was so kind.

A big thank you to all family, friends and neighbours for their continuing support during this difficult time.

Birthdays

Engagement



Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE LICENSING ACT 2003 APPLICATION TO GRANT A PREMISES LICENCE

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Any interested party or responsible authority may make representations on this application in writing to the Licensing Team, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Civic Office, Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4RU or by emailing licensing@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk by not later than 29th November.

The full application can be viewed at the above offices between 10.00am and 4.00pm Monday to Friday or at the Council's website - www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine on summary conviction is £5,000

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012 NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 10 APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Proposed Development at: Land adjacent to Stanwell House, Blackmill Road, Lewistown, Bridgend, CF32 7HU.Take note that application is being made by Mr Neil Davies to Bridgend County Borough Council for planning permission to construct a dwelling at the above site. Any owner of the land or tenant who wishes to make representations about this application should write to Bridgend County Borough Council, Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB at Civic Offices within 21 days of the date of this notice.

Date: 16 November 2017.

BRIDGET LEWIS (Deceased)

Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the aforementioned deceased, late of Rhiw House The Rhiw Penllyn Cowbridge CF71 7RS, who died on 01/10/2016, are required to send particulars thereof in writing to the undersigned Solicitors on or before 26/01/2018, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to claims and interests of which they have had notice.

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Llantwit Major pupils competed in the Bar 'Mock Trial' competition in Cardiff.

Bar 'Mock Trial' for Llantwit Major pupils

ON November 4, Llantwit Major School's first Bar 'Mock Trial' team competed in the regional heats of the competition at Cardiff Crown Court.

Having no prior experience of the competition, the pupils were quite nervous as they arrived, yet the minute the competition got underway, all nerves were banished and pupils put on an accomplished and confident display.

The Bar Mock Trial is a national competition for pupils in years 10-13 which sees teams from state schools take on the roles of barristers, witnesses and court officials and battle it out in mock trials in crown courts around the country, all vying for a place in the grand final at the Old Bailey in London.

The first round saw Llantwit's prosecution drawn against previous winners, but the team was not daunted by their lack of experience. Year 12's Jaya Williams got the team off to an efficient and professional start, undertaking the role of court clerk, and Emily-Jane Owen and Courtney David's confidence during the cross-examination impressed the judge.

While the scores awarded by the judge remain secret – the winners of individual rounds are not announced – the judge did comment on the strength of both teams and how admirably they performed.

Llantwit's defence did not get an opportunity to compete until the third round and, like the prosecution, did the school proud.

Special mention must go to Rhodri Richards of year-10, who volunteered to take on the role of barrister less than two weeks before the competition due to the original team member being forced to withdraw.

However, on the day no-one would have been able to tell he had so little time to prepare as his performance was so assured and his cross-examination so challenging – the poor witnesses were definitely under pressure.

Drawn against the eventual heat winners, the judge underlined how hard it had been to decide a winner for the round as it was a very closely-fought trial.

Pupils really enjoyed their first experience of the legal system and those in year-10 look forward to being able to compete next year.

Although narrowly missing out on a place in the final, the school is extremely proud of the performance of all 15 team members.

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Boverton WI enjoys tales of showbusiness

THE speaker at the November meeting of Boverton WI was Mr Geoff Robinson, ably assisted by his son Justin, who organised the film show.

The talk was about Mr Gwyn Thomas, poet and author, who Geoff Robinson knew very well and has fond memories of time spent with his family.

Gwyn was born in 1913 in Cymmer, Porth and was one of 12 children. He won a miner's scholarship to Oxford, where he studied Spanish and French.

He spent a lot of time on television on programmes such as Kane and Parkinson, where he told wonderful stories about celebrities he knew. His most successful play, *The Keep,* was in the West End.

He died at the age of 67.

Members noted that the next Knit and Natter will take place on Monday, November 20; the Christmas raffle will be held in West House at the party; the January meeting will be a simple supper and social and subscriptions for 2018, due in January, will be £41.

Rosemary Williams won the monthly competition and the raffle was won by Jane Rees and Val Brown.

Meetings are held in the Llantonian Hall on the second Thursday of the month and new members are always welcome.

EMD

WI members go round and round in the circle dance

RHOOSE WI has enjoyed a varied autumn season.

The speaker at the September meeting was Dane Owens of the Citizen's Advice Bureau, who gave an interesting insight into the work of the employees and volunteers whose dedication helps to keep this vital organisation going.

Later in the month, members participated in an afternoon of 'circle dancing'. It was fascinating to learn that this form of dance is practised world-wide and has been recorded in cave paintings from pre-history.

A video of World Circle Dance Day 2016 showed that this form of dance is still practised all over the world, and examples showed circles from just four to many hundreds of people both young and old.

October's speaker was Rhoose member Jill Jones, who gave a talk about Mary Eleanor Bowes, an 18th century direct ancestor of the Queen.

Mary Eleanor is notable for taking her abusive second husband, Andrew Robinson Stoney, to court and regaining control of her vast fortune and eventually obtaining a divorce.

This was no mean feat in the late 1700s, when women had hardly any rights, their wealth once they had married becoming the sole property of their husbands. Similarly, they had no rights at all over the custody of their children.

Mary Eleanor's story involves horrific serial abuse, escape, kidnap and the eventual restoration of her wealth and the imprisonment of Andrew Stoney.

At a meeting in October with no speaker, the group organised a social evening. Members took turns to entertain one another with anecdotes from their own lives and later tested their memories with Kim's game and a quiz.

Members took part in the Rhoose Remembrance Parade on November 12 and provided light refreshment for the congregation after the service.

Rhoose WI is looking forward to the Christmas season with a planned trip to Worcester Christmas market, a Christmas lunch and the Christmas and anniversary social evening on December 7.

The New Year programme will begin on January 4 at 7.30pm, when members will meet at the Community Hall, Stewart Road for a team quiz.

Rhoose WI welcomes visitors and new members; contact 01446711384 for information.

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Gall unrhyw un y mae'r Hysbysiad hwn wedi'i roi iddo neu sy'n defnyddio'r briffordd a nodwyd neu sydd wedi'i dramgwyddo gan y Gorchymyn fynd i'r Llys Ynadon i gyflwyno gwrthwynebiad neu sylwadau ar y cais.

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VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

SECTION 116 AND SCHEDULE 12 OF THE HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY TO DIVERT THE HIGHWAY

NOTICE is given that Vale of Glamorgan Council as Highway Authority for the Vale of Glamorgan intends to apply to the Magistrates Court sitting at Cardiff Magistrates Court, Fitzalan Place, Cardiff, CF24 0RZ on 15th December 2017 at 10.00am for an Order under section 116 of the Highways Act 1980 authorising the diversion of a footpath at Parc Farm, St Donats commencing at point A (NGR 293460 168501) and proceeding westwards to terminate at point B on the adopted highway at Parc Farm (NGR 293233 168510) shown by a solid black line on the attached plan ("Plan") to be diverted to commence at point A (NGR 293460 168501) and proceed westwards to a kissing gate at point C (NGR 293233 168469) and continue westwards to terminate at point D (NGR 293231 168468) at its junction with Bridleway No.10 St Donats shown by a broken black line on the Plan on the ground that the diverted highway will be more commodious to the public.

A copy of the draft Order and Plan may be inspected free of charge at the Council Offices at Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan, CF63 4RU between the hours of 9.00am to 4.30pm Monday to Fridays (excluding bank holidays and public holidays) from 16th November 2017 to 14th December 2017.

Any person to whom this Notice has been given or who uses the highway specified or who would be aggrieved by the making of the Order may appear before the Magistrates' Court to raise an objection or make a representation on the application.

Any person intending to appear before the Magistrates' Court at the hearing of the application is requested to inform James Docherty, Senior Lawyer at Vale of Glamorgan Council, Legal Services, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan, CF63 4RU before the 14th December 2017 quoting reference C04-1581.

Dated: 16th November 2017

James Docherty
For Operational Manager for Legal Services
Vale of Glamorgan Council
Legal Services
Civic Offices
Holton Road
Barry
Vale of Glamorgan
CF63 4RU

Three games, three different results for chess teams

THE Barry Chess Club have played a further three matches in the East Glamorgan Chess League – and three matches equals three different results.

On the positive side there was a good win by the Barry Camelots with a score of 3.5–1.5. Wins were earned by Sam Jukes, John Stephenson and Martin Ricketts while team captain Stephen Bonutto chipped in with a draw.

The AJ's stand in third place so this was a good result. The Camelots move out of the relegation spots, albeit temporarily, as the teams immediately below us in the table have games in hand.

Next to play were the Bosons. Due to a double booking we were forced to play our home game at Caerphilly.

The Caerphilly Kings were one of the division's pacesetters but the wheels are starting to fall off their championship credentials.

The five games were all interesting but they all fizzled out to end in draws; still 2.5 points out of a possible five maintains the Bosons' position in fourth place.

With the North Cardiff Cheetahs looking down already and a heavy defeat for the Cardiff Monarchs at the hands of the North Cardiff Woodpushers, it means our position is looking relatively rosy.

Lastly the Barry Gambits in Division 4, and playing away at Rhondda A was always going to be difficult.

The Rhondda club is pushing for at least one of their two teams to earn promotion.

While we were outrated on all five boards the rating difference on three of them was not too significant so we were hopeful of collecting 1.5 points.

Hope springs eternal but our wishes were not granted. Two draws is all we could earn so a 4-1 defeat ensued.

The Gambits remain as the strongest team in the league as we are holding everyone up. Its a good job there is no relegation from this division.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club. St Nicholas Road, Barry, CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com.

PHIL JONES

Point-to-Point riders braced for Dunraven Bowl chance

THE David Brace-sponsored Dunraven Bowl Novices' Hunters Steeplechase to be held at Chepstow Racecourse on April 27 has a total prize fund of £5,000.

It is the one race that all Welsh point-to-point owners, trainers and riders strive to win and the winner this time will receive a whopping £3,119, the second £967, the third £483 and the fourth £242.

The race is open to novice five-year-olds and upwards, which, before 2018, have not won a steeplechase, hurdle race, National Hunt flat race or flat race under any recognised Rules of Racing.

Horses must be qualified with one of the hunts in the south Wales and Monmouthshire and west Wales areas. Dunraven will also present a memento to the winning owner and in addition they will give a cash prize to the person responsible for the horse judged to be the best turned out in the race.

Last year's race was won by *Repeat Business,* owned by Cowbridge's Jeffrey Bird and trained by his brother-in-law, former rider Jonathan Tudor, at Bridgend.

Repeat Business's rider Richard Patrick is now making a name for himself under Rules. Since the race was first held in 1996, a number of horses and riders from the Vale have been successful and these include Evan Williams, Christian Williams and Fiona Wilson, who won on rank outsider *Saffron Moss* in 1998. The only other female to have ridden a winner is Pip Jones who scored on *Final Pride* a year earlier in 1997.

Mr Brace has yet to see his famed black and red racing colours pass the winning post in first place.

BRIAN LEE

Good luck, Cai!

MANY congratulations to Cai Wardhaugh of Cowbridge Comprehensive School who has made the Welsh Development Swim Squad this year.

He went to Sheffield in October, where he successfully represented east Wales in the National Inter Counties meet.

He will be swimming in the Welsh Christmas Nationals in Swansea on December 1-3.

The important decision of choosing the right garage

LET'S be frank – the motor trade doesn't have the best reputation. Whenever you need to attend a garage, it's always with a sense of dread about how hard your wallet will get hit!

Modern cars have complex systems and more electronics than the local games arcade. Everything from the seat belts to the battery has a control module monitoring performance. This means that the equipment needed to properly service and repair vehicles has significantly changed from the days when all you needed was a couple of spanners and a socket set.

The question is, what should you look for when choosing where to maintain your car?

First impressions are important. If the workshop is dark, dirty and dingy, then the likelihood is that the establishment doesn't have the highest of standards.

Be wary of 'specialists' claiming to be able to work on all makes and models. There is little crossover between the brands. There is no cross over in tooling or skills between BMW, Mercedes and Audi, regardless of them all being German.

Tooling really matters – are they relying on a generic code reader, or have they invested in expensive manufacturer specific equipment?

Top tip: a SnapOn code reader is NOT a good sign at a brand specialist. For example, in the case of a BMW, can they read the data from your key like the dealer? Or if they're offering remaps, do they have a rolling road?

Ask about qualifications and staff experience. If the technicians don't have certificates, they haven't committed to their career. Similarly, experience as a valeter or panel beater for the dealer doesn't really count for mechanical repairs.

A word about body shops dabbling in mechanics; the two simply don't mix in the same workshop.

Just because you don't fancy the pain of dealership pricing, you don't have to compromise on your expectations of quality. You just need a proper independent specialist.

If you're lucky enough to own a BMW or Mini, you need look no further than www.DragonAuto.Works to maintain and repair your pride and joy.

Jeanette Williams, ladies captain, presenting flowers to the three team captains.

Cottrell Park ladies celebrate end of season

THE end of season dinner commenced with Jeannette Williams welcoming the ladies of Cottrell Park.

She reminded everyone of the successes in various competitions this year. She congratulated Jenny McGlyne, non-playing captain, and her team consisting of Megan Cullinane, Eleanor Lewis, Lowri Roberts, Helen Little, Tony Parsons, Tony Williams and Bill Bryce who won the Ping Competition organised by Wales Golf, with 66 teams entering, a brilliant achievement.

Congratulations also went to Helen Evans for winning the LGU Medal and Vicki Long and Helen Evans the Mary Nichols Cup. Eleanor Lewis was congratulated on becoming club champion again this year.

Following a meal enjoyed by all, the team captains gave their reports on the seasons' results.

Vicki Long, first team captain, thanked all those who had played for the first team in Division 3 West and said she was proud to say they had come second in the division thanks to the commitment of the players, with Megan even playing on her 14th birthday.

She expects to send a team to the Welsh team championships next year at Langland Bay. She wished good luck to both the first and second teams for next year.

Helen Evans, second team captain, reported the results were not so good - they were slightly outclassed in Division 7 East, playing teams with lower handicaps and they were demoted to Division 8.

She commended the support of all the ladies who had played in the matches. She announced Nan Thomas will take over as captain next year.

Lorraine Pointon-Bell, the ladies friendlies captain, thanked all the ladies who had played in the matches and felt they had done well, although the results are not official.

They had all enjoyed the games and the opportunity to play other courses. Patsie Smith will take over as friendly captain next year.

Jeanette thanked the captains for their reports and all their hard work throughout the season, and presented them with bouquets of flowers.

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Vale of Glamorgan Pool League round-up

BILLY UNITED are the new leaders of the Asprou Barbers Vale Pool League.

The Billy remain unbeaten after a hard-fought 7-5 victory over the Libs Rejects with John Farrugia having a man of the match performance, winning both his singles and his doubles with the impressive Mark Ingram.

The Billy United's other standout players were Les Ashton, Gary Roberts and Ian Roberts. The Libs never made it easy for the Billy and Mike Williams would win three out of four games, with contributions from Tom Ivins, Paul Swannick and Dave Hellyer allowing the Libs to leave with their heads held high.

The Millwood Pot Jacks travelled to O'Briens for the next round of league pool where a fun-filled evening with great company prevailed. Both teams were at stalemate in the singles at 2-2 with John Wolfenden and Martyn Croke both winning for O'Briens.

The first set of doubles would go to Millwood, while the second set of singles would see Jeff Morgan and Windsor Harry win for O'Briens to make the score 4-4.

Millwood captain Gary Williams and Nick Parry would win their singles and then partner up in the last doubles to win three valuable frames for Millwood, who came out overall winners 7-5 in an evenly-matched game.

The Witchill Wildcats travelled to the Borough Arms and made light work of the task in hand in beating the Borough 8-4.

The Wildcats' first four singles were all contested by county players such is the depth of their squad. The playing order of Ian Hill, Paul Everest, Steve Watkins and Ceri Morris would give the Borough no chance and the Wildcats had a 4-0 lead.

Everest and Lawrence Klee would win the first doubles to extend their lead to 5-0. Meadows and Larkin would pull a point back in their doubles.

The Wildcats would then dominate the next set of singles with James Hill, Watkins and Morris again winning to make the score 8-1.

Credit to the Borough who never gave up and won the last three frames with Paul Breen, Calum Petty, Nicholas Meadows and this week's birthday boy Kevin Turnbull all impressing to reduce the loss to 8-4.

The Ship played host to Barry Island team Finnegans with Nathan Davidson winning a close first frame against Joel Ball.

Finnegans' Carson Martin and Paulo Marenghi would make it 2-1 and from there on it was all about the Ship.

County player and Ship captain Graham Avaient would again break and dish, this time it was Kane Grindley looking on at his magic around the green baize.

The Ship would win seven of the next eight frames. Only Kane Grindley in frame eight against Simon Moore stopped the rot and Lewis Crole and Joel Ball won the last doubles for Finnegans, but the night was all about the Ship and their 8-4 win.

The Glenbrook Wanderers, captained by Nick Taylor for the night in the absence of Jeff Bartle, would have a superb home win against the travelling King William IV from Cadoxton.

Wanderers would take a deserved 5-0 lead and never looked like losing. The King William team struggled on the slower-clothed table, with one player commenting that the pace of the table was deceptive - it certainly was a lot slower than it looked. Geoff Froud would again be the visitors' best player.

Most games were close, but the Wanderers kept finding the winning formula. Karl Marsh impressed, winning three out of four frames, with David Jones, Sam Williams and captain Taylor all playing excellent pool. Well done the Wanderers.

There's no league fixtures this Thursday, it's singles week for those that entered.

The league would like to thank their sponsors Asprou Barbers, Park Crescent, Eze Drive Driving School and R&M Mobile Valeting.

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AFTER THE HEARTBREAK OF MISSING OUT ON THE 2018 WORLD CUP..

A defeat and a draw, but youth to the fore for Wales...

NOW TIME TO SORT OUT CHRIS COLEMAN'S FUTURE

by GARETH JAMIESON

WHILE disappointment is not a taste most Welsh fans can ever truly lose in their mouths, the defeat against Republic of Ireland last month that meant Welsh involvement in next year's World Cup was going to be non-existent left a truly sour one, heartbreak mixed with nagging regret.

So while eight European teams were looking at two legs that would make or break their World Cup hopes, Wales were in equally unfamiliar territory – that of playing friendly matches.

It's a practice long forgotten due to Chris Coleman's preference for competitive football (and the valuable FIFA ranking points it brings) but Wales' two friendlies offered the opportunity to assess both the established players in the squad and the younger bunch whose game time has been limited thus far.

The first was a glamour away fixture, and a return to the country of last year's unbridled European Championship delight, against France at the Stade de France, while the second saw Panama (World Cup finalists themselves) pay their first visit to Wales.

These games were likely to work two-fold; the first game an opportunity for the first choice players to measure themselves up to a country who have been dining at the top table of international football for nearly 20 years, the second an opportunity for the younger members in and around the fringes of the squad to stake their claims for a part in Wales' future.

It's a future that may or may not involve Chris Coleman, whose contract expired at the end of these games – while at first confident that this would have been his final campaign as Wales manager, the nature of that qualification failure and the voices from the dressing room and the stands for him to stay on may yet exert a pull on a manager hungry to test himself in club football, but more than aware of what more he can achieve with his country.

Friday night in the Stade de France, then, was either the start of Coleman's bid to recalibrate Wales' hopes for the future or the first part of a long goodbye. If it was the latter, then the slightly lacking performance was certainly not something he'd be very happy with.

Going against a team many favour to lift the World Cup trophy next summer, and even shorn of one or two key players, Wales were always going to be up against it and the early pressure did little to sway opinion that it would be a case of when not if for Les Bleus.

Set up in 5-3-1-1 formation seemed the best way to battle the French, keeping out their talented attacking players then breaking with the wingbacks when we had the opportunity to go forward.

It didn't pan out that way, and with Aaron Ramsey, playing behind Sam Vokes, dropping deeper to get the ball, it meant Wales' attacks were snuffed out before they got going.

When Antoine Griezmann put the hosts 1-0 up in the 18th minute after a lovely finish, you could have expected the floodgates to open, but Wales did a good job of spoiling France's attacks without ever looking capable of getting forward themselves.

The game seemed to change when, in the 63rd minute, the triumvirate of Ben Woodburn, David Brooks and Ethan Ampadu came on – all highly-rated, all with an opportunity to impress against a top international team.

Woodburn we know about, but the other two looked equally as composed and confident, and offered pace and direct running that threw the French on the back foot and led to Wales' best spell of the game.

However, Lady Luck played her part in the 71st minute, as Olivier Giroud put the game to bed when his shot deflected past Wayne Hennessy, and France hit the woodwork several times as they closed out the game in no little style.

Hopes were higher for Tuesday's encounter with Panama, a team whose qualification for next summer's World Cup shows them to not be lightweights.

Given the cameos from the youngsters in France, Coleman brought youth to the fore with Ampadu, Brooks and Woodburn all starting, the average age of the team 24.

In poor conditions the game rarely fizzed into life in the first half, save for a penalty awarded to Wales that Sam Vokes saved by the Panamanian goalkeeper, but bright spots for Wales were the energy and pace that Brooks, Woodburn and Tom Lawrence brought to the game, and the assured composure that severely belied Ampadu's 17 years of age.

It was the second half that saw the action as Wales came out of the blocks quicker and posed far more questions of their rather lacklustre opponents, and as they got more dominant you felt there was at least a goal in it.

It came with 15 minutes to go, Lawrence collecting a loose ball and slaloming past the Panamanian defenders before curling the ball past the goalkeeper and into the bottom right hand corner.

It was a fabulous goal, one that was deserved based on Lawrence's industry, and with Wales in the ascendancy seemed to ensure a victory.

However, with substitutions disrupting the flow of the game, and Wales, yet again, sitting back while in the lead, there was an air of predictability as Anderson Cooper poked home to give the small-but-hardy Panama fans in the ground something to cheer about.

The 1-1 draw wasn't the best result, but it does belie the fact that Coleman was true to his word and put younger players in to give them some much-needed experience.

None disgraced themselves on the night, showing plenty of hard work, and this small glimpse into the future of Welsh football is rosy enough.

The attacking verve of Lawrence, Brooks and Woodburn is likely only to get more formidable, while Ampadu is a captain-in-waiting, given the way he marshalled the more experienced players around him.

The substitute appearances from the likes of Tom Lockyer, Marley Watkins, Ryan Hedges and Tom Bradshaw were also promising, although tempered by the quality of the opposition.

So the playing side is on track, all that remains now is to find out who will be at the helm going forward.

Coleman's clapping of the crowd at the end of the game had the hallmarks of a fond farewell, but he's become adept deflecting speculation.

With suggestions that the end of the month will be the time decisions are made, we'll all be a little more clearer as to where Wales go from here – here's hoping it's a future led by Chris Coleman.

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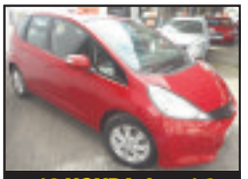

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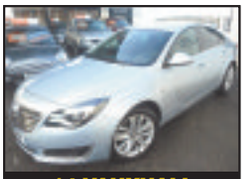

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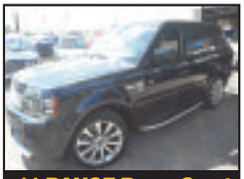

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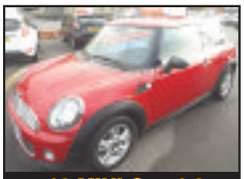

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Plenty of positives for Llantwit Major RFC following close defeat

LLANTWIT MAJOR RFC might have missed out on the full points available in this clash with Ynysowen, but head coach Stuart Edbrooke was quick to point out the positives following a narrow 18-14 loss.

Especially as his injury list has grown and grown over the last few weeks, meaning 30 different players taking the field in just the last three games.

As the game commenced at the picturesque but heavily sodden Willows Recreation Ground, the home side were the first on the scoreboard early as they kicked a penalty after some pressure yielded an advantage in territory.

The visitors, though, were soon into their stride as a big touch-finding penalty kick from outside half Lawrence Howley gave Llantwit a platform from 15 metres out.

The ball collected firmly from the lineout allowed the pack to settle and then set about a driving maul which eventually, after some opposition from the home side, drove hooker Rhys Hewitt over the whitewash, with Howley adding a further two points from the conversion.

It wasn't long before Howley was again called upon to add another conversion as a period of domination by Ynysowen saw the Llantwit defence tested to its limits and, coupled with some great turnovers at the tackle area by Hewitt, allowed a super counter attacking move which saw fullback Rhys Balmont break free and race under the sticks from 30 metres out.

A 3-14 lead was just rewards for a lively first half for the Llantonians, the only blot on the copybook being a perceived lack of concentration in their defensive pattern allowing the home side back into the game with a converted try of their own just before the break; and how they would rue this glitch in an otherwise dominant display.

The second half saw a turn of fortune as Ynysowen rallied back into the game and asked questions of the visitors' defence across every quarter of their half.

In the main though Llantwit were resilient but the Ynysowen eight, who were a big heavy pack, eventually, after a quarter of brutal, no-holds-barred wrestle, put together a nice period offloading at the tackle which resulted in a deserved converted try.

The score going into the final period was 15-14 to set up a tense finale, and it was great entertainment for any neutral as both teams threw everything at each other with neither team seemingly wanting to blink, such was the persistency and determination on offer.

Llantwit did have an opportunity to edge ahead again with a penalty awarded after some counter rucking; Llantwit though, this time, in reversal of last week's events, decided to go for a kick at goal rather than put the ball along the touchline, but the distance was just a few metres too far for the boot of Howley as it dropped short.

Ynysowen, though, were to be the victors after they were given some breathing space with a penalty kick to seal affairs, after a Llantwit scrummage in front of their posts was deemed to be illegal.

A bewildering decision which brought a stern look at the official from the old head of Shaun Shea at lock.

An entertaining game but the feeling amongst this proud Llantwit team was that they had again, for the second week running, left some points out on the pitch, such is the standards that they have set themselves.

Man of the match was David Liscombe who, at the sprightly, soon-to-be age of 40, stepped up from the second team with a solid and abrasive display at inside centre.

There is no first team fixture this week, as opponents Tonyrefail are unable to make such an early trip down for a game which was due to kick off at 12 noon due to the Wales v Georgia international being played a few hours later.

It may be a blessing in disguise for Llantwit as an opportunity to nurse some of the never-ending list of injuries.

Second team the Druids bravely travelled up to Maesteg Celtic with a bare 14 players as they were decimated with some call ups to the first team and their own share of injuries and unavailability.

But nonetheless they took to the field, and with the full complement of 15, as the originally-appointed physio Mike Edwards dusted off the cobwebs from his boots and made up the numbers.

They did their best the score at the final whistle being quite a lot to the home side and a solitary try to the visitors.

With the autumn internationals now well underway all games are being shown at the clubhouse with non-members always warmly welcome.

AH

First league defeat of the season for Llantwit Major AFC

FOLLOWING Llantwit Major AFC's exit from the Welsh Cup, it was back to league action and the visit of the current league leaders Caldicot to Windmill Lane.

It was good to see Lee Jones and Darren Robinson back in the side following a spell on the sidelines with injuries.

As usual, Llantwit started pretty well with some early pressure and within the first five minutes a chance fell to Connor Goldsworthy but unfortunately his shot was straight at the keeper.

More pressure from a free kick after 17 minutes saw a header from Rhys Llewelyn being well saved by the Caldicot keeper as he got down low to push the ball wide.

A chance then fell to Lee Jones shortly after, as a mix up between the Caldicot defender and goalkeeper saw his shot going wide of the goal.

As in previous games, against the run of play, which is now becoming a familiar pattern, Llantwit went a goal down after 33 minutes.

Some fine interplay by Caldicot on the edge of the area saw a shot being blocked by Rhys Llewelyn as he slid in, but to everyone's surprise it was deemed by the referee to have hit him on the arm and a penalty was awarded which was duly converted.

Llantwit straight away went on the attack to try and get the equaliser and were duly rewarded after 42 minutes when, from a second corner in succession, Llewelyn made amends by heading the ball home for his first goal of the season to make it 1-1.

Llantwit started the second half brightly but on 50 minutes, from a short corner by Caldicot, a cross was met by their forward, who was left unmarked at the near post to head home from six yards for Caldicot to lead once again.

On the restart a fine run into the Caldicot penalty area by Connor Goldsworthy saw him beat a number of players and then square the ball across the six yard area to Jonathan Fletcher, who unfortunately, with an open goal in front of him, sidefooted his shot over the bar.

Another wonderful chance missed, which continues to be a problem so far this season when compared to the opposing teams who seem to score with their limited opportunities.

As time was running out, manager Karl Lewis made three substitutions and changed the formation to try and get something from the game.

However, despite their efforts, Llantwit did not really trouble the Caldicot goal apart from the chance that fell to Fletcher, as their keeper did not have to make a save in the second half.

In injury time Caldicot made the game safe by scoring a third goal to seal Llantwit's first defeat in the league this season.

A disappointing result for Llantwit, as this was an ideal early opportunity to see how they would fair against the league leaders.

However, the final result was not what was expected and the players have the chance to turn things around and redeem themselves this week when Aberdare are the visitors to Windmill Lane.

DJ

EVAN'S DOUBLE AT CHEPSTOW

VALE trainer Evan Williams didn't have the best of starts when his *Market Road,* who was bidding for a three-timer and who went off the favourite for the opening Conditional Handicap Hurdle at Chepstow on November 8 came down at the second obstacle.

However, 45 minutes or so later his five-year-old *The Last Day*, partnered by Adam Wedge, and who was racing for the first time in 228 days, ran out a five-length winner of the National Hunt Maiden Hurdle after being made the 15-8 favourite.

Then in the following handicap chase, his *Sweet Crusador* was beaten a neck by the Kerry Lee-trained *Itshard To No*. But Evan was back in the winner's enclosure after the next race, a two-mile maiden hurdle event when his *ChooseYourWeapon*, a 9-1 chance, and a winner of a point-to-point in Ireland last April, won by a head from Ben Pauling's *GoWithTheFlow*.

Both of Evan's winners are owned by point-to-point stalwarts William and Angela Rucker of Worcestershire.

Chepstow trainer Grace Harris landed the Ali Ollis Memorial Handicap Chase with her 14-year-old *Paddy The Oscar* who was ridden by Conor Ring.

All racehorses celebrate their birthdays on January 1 so *Paddy The Oscar* is just weeks away from his 15th birthday!

GEORGE'S 14-1 WINNER

At Ffos Las on Sunday, the Vale's George Blackwell riding Timely Gift, the 14-1 outsider in a field of six, won the Walters Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle for his boss Aberthin trainer Tim Vaughan.

George, a rider to note, got his mount home by a neck from Bernard Llewellyn's Flanagans Field who was ridden by Mr Llewellyn's grandson Rob Williams.

Llancarfan's Evan Williams also had plenty to smile about as he came away with a double after his Prime Venture ran out an eight lengths winner of the Ethical Power Handicap Hurdle and his Bonobo won the Victorian Sliders Handicap Chase.

Both were ridden by stable jockey Mitchell Bastyan and both horses carried top weight.

Meanwhile, over at Sandown Park, the Evan Williams-trained Monbeg Oscar, ridden by Adam Wedge, was a nine lengths runner-up to Stuart Edmunds' Maria's Benefit in the Play Casino Handicap Hurdle.

ANOTHER WINNER FOR EVAN

The Evan Williams bandwagon rolls on and on.

At far flung Carlisle on Monday (November 13) in the opening Horse Racing Odds At Bookies.Com Novices' Hurdle over two miles and one furlong, his five-year-old Cesar Collonges, owned by Worcestershire's William and Angela Rucker, got home by a neck from the favourite Canny Style in an exciting finish.

Cesar Collonges a 7-2 chance was partnered by Adam Wedge.

BRIAN LEE

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Cowbridge RFC's game postponed

COWBRIDGE RFC were due play at home against fourth-placed Treherbert last Saturday but the visitors were unable to fulfil the fixture as too many players were attending the Australia game.

The offer of an early kick off was turned down. The WRU had sensibly designated two of the autumn international Saturday's as league days to avoid the annual fixture congestion at the end of the season but it takes all the teams to buy into this. Obviously some don't take that view.

This Saturday we are due to play away at Ferndale with a midday kick off before the Georgia game.

There is a break then until December 9 when we are at home against Ynysowen followed by another home fixture on December 16 against Wattstown. Following the Christmas break we are at Llantwit on December 30.

A reminder that there is bus from the club to the All Blacks game on November 25 with just a few places available - get your name on the list as soon as possible.

Finally, this Thursday the annual Beaujolais evening will be held at the club with the finest Beaujolais and a selection of cheeses and other snacks.

For those who haven't already, this would be an excellent opportunity to come and pay your membership.

RV/RK

Cowbridge Darts League round-up

ON Tuesday, November 7, a full programme of league matches was completed.

The Edmondes C beat the Edmondes A 6-3, the Highwayman Inn beat the Farmers Arms 6-3, the Hairy Farmers beat the Red Lion Inn 8-1, the Edmondes B beat the Victoria Inn 9-0 and the Six Bells Inn beat the One Town Hall Square 8-1.

The number of 180 throws this season has been surprising low, but this changed this week with both Jason Allen (Victoria Inn) and Noyle Burt (Edmondes C) hitting a 180.

Other notable performances were Paul Butcher who won a leg in 11 darts and Dai Thomas hitting a 99 three-dart-out, both Edmondes B players.

Present league standings after seven weeks are: Edmondes B (38 points), Six Bells Inn (37), Llanharry and Hairy Farmers (35), Highwayman Inn and Edmondes C (32), Farmers Arms and Edmondes A (28), Victoria Inn (25), One Town Hall Square (15) and Red Lion Inn (10).

Next week (Tuesday, November 21), the Victoria Inn will host the quarter-finals, semi-finals and final (if time permits) of the Mixed Doubles knockout competition.

All matches start at 8.15pm and spectators are welcome. For further information e-mail Paul at cowbridgedarts@gmail.com, up-to-date information can be found on the website: www.darts.apsn.co.uk.

PJT

ATHLETIC'S LAST-MINUTE TRY SEES COWBRIDGE UNDER-12S DEFEATED

COWBRIDGE RFC under-12s hosted Bridgend Athletic in their toughest game to date this season.

Both teams entered the encounter unbeaten and the intensity of the contest was palpable from the kick-off.

The game started at a frenetic pace with crunching tackles from both sides. However, the stalemate was broken with the Athletic taking the first two tries un-answered and going ahead 14-0.

However, the resilience of the Cowbridge outfit stood strong and a period of pressure in the Athletic half eventually told with the pick and go strategy gaining field position to eventually find Osian Bruce at inside centre, who showed his fine form, powering through for the hosts to pull back to 7-14 at the half, with the successful conversion from James Collingride.

At the restart Cowbridge clearly had the momentum and again kept the pressure on the Athletic who eventually succumbed and the power of the Cowbridge pack took the ball over the line with Henry Whitehouse the beneficiary.

Unfortunately the missed conversion for the home team left the score at 12-14.

A period of persistent infringement, culminating in a tackle of the scrum-half without the ball, saw the hosts awarded a penalty which was duly converted by James Collingridge to make it 15-14 to Cowbridge.

What ensued was an intense period of play for the final minutes of the game which unfortunately saw Bridgend Athletic go over for a try with the last play of the game to the dismay of the Cowbridge players, the final score 15-21 to Bridgend Athletic.

This was a valuable test for the team, of which all the coaching team are proud of the resilience of the Cowbridge unit.

RP, PS, PB, AA, TS

WALES 21 - AUSTRALIA 29

A 13TH STRAIGHT LOSS FOR WALES AGAINST THE WALLABIES

The kangaroo curse strikes again as Wales come up short against Australia

by PHILIP IRWIN

Josh Navidi had a solid game.

Leigh Halfpenny kicked four out of five attempts for an 11-point haul.

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Close to the final whistle and Welsh players reflect on a hard day at the office.

The battle in the lineout was fierce, as it was all over the pitch.

Owen Williams had a promising game at inside centre.

MARIA Sharapova recently published her autobiography and made the assertion that "Serena Williams is my biggest rival".

Now Maria has her critics and quite few jumped on this, saying: "Rivalry?

"Of the last 19 times you have met, Serena has won 18. What sort of rivalry is that?"

So, are Wales and Australia still rivals now it is 13–0 to the Green and Golds?

I'm sure Welsh fans still believe it is. After all, we can point to the autumn curse – the fact that a rusty Wales have to turn out against a battle-hardened well-oiled Australian machine.

It certainly felt that way on Saturday at The Principality Stadium. Wales had a new 'two playmaker' system and a number of fresh faces, while in Australia's last game they had managed to beat the All Blacks.

There is something else distinctive about the Wales v Australia rivalry. The games are generally very close, frequently decided on one pivotal moment – a try-scoring pass that doesn't go to hand, or a missed tackle, or perhaps a genuine spark of genius.

The trouble is, of course, that the pivotal moment always goes Australia's way!

It started well for Wales as they had much of the early play, although a couple of knock-ons slowed down their momentum. Then, after six minutes Liam Williams charged down a laboured clearance kick by Reece Hodge but, unfortunately for Wales, the ball was collected by the calmest man on the pitch, Aussie fly half Bernard Foley.

He cleared the danger but Wales were awarded a penalty one minute later, kicked by Leigh Halfpenny.

However, Foley's rugby brain was in evidence five minutes later, when an astute kick ahead forced debutant Steff Evans to take the ball into touch five metres out.

The resulting line out catch and drive was so simple it looked like a training ground exercise, with Wallaby hooker Polota Nau touching down. Wales' defence coach Shaun Edwards glowered from the stand as he considered what to say at half time.

Foley's conversion made it 7–3 but Wales were soon back on the attack. Jonathan Davies made a strong break and passed wide to Liam Williams who was crowded out. A pass inside could have put Gareth Davies clear, although a covering Aussie defender stopped it from being that simple.

It mattered not, because two minutes later the live-wire scrum-half made an excellent break through a scattered lineout. He was hauled down five metres out but the ball was moved quickly across field. At one stage it looked like a three to one overlap, but in the end Steff Evans had work to do, wriggling out of the grasp of two covering defenders to go over.

Halfpenny split the posts to put Wales ahead 10–7.

Five minutes later, another teasing kick from Foley led to a bad break for Wales. Halfpenny just got to the ball first in the in-goal area and aimed to kick it dead. However, it ricocheted back over the try line, and Australia were able to set up a ruck just two metres out.

From there, Wales concentrated on the first runner, but Genia gave it to the second, the lock Adam Coleman, who was over without a hand laid on him. Foley converted.

Hodge extended the lead 10 minutes later with a howitzer penalty from halfway, but Halfpenny responded with a penalty three minutes later.

A half-time score of 13-17 down would have been acceptable for Wales, but they failed to clear their lines as half-time approached. About 12 phases later, the Wallaby captain and openside Michael Hooper touched down near the corner. This time, Foley missed the conversion.

In the second half, Wales had plenty of ball but handling errors frustrated them. Nevertheless, a Leigh Halfpenny penalty made it 16-22. The Scarlets full back was four out of four, and was tempted by a penalty shot from halfway, but this one went astray.

However, things were looking hopeful for Wales when referee Glen Jackson called Hooper over to warn him that the next Aussie guilty of slowing the release of the ball would get a yellow card.

Time for a pivotal moment. One that goes the Australian way, perhaps?

Enter Kurtley Beale, who tackled Steff Evans, stripped the ball, fell forward, lost it and recovered it and then set off towards the Welsh posts while crowd, cameraman and commentators were all looking in the wrong place.

Beale aroused a few suspicions when he quickly drop-kicked the conversion but the ref was having none of that and referred it to the TMO. Welsh eyes saw a knock on, while Australians saw no problem. TMO Graham Hughes was happy with it.

Foley was summoned back to convert from in front of the posts and it was now 16-29.

That yellow card did come out soon after, and captain Hooper was the guilty party, but the crowd's heart was no longer in it. It was another Australian win and the atmosphere faded away.

To be fair to Wales, they didn't fade, but chances for tries slipped away due to over-eagerness or just plain poor execution. At almost the final whistle, with Hooper waiting to come back on, Hallam Amos dived to score in the corner, with TMO Hughes giving him the benefit of the doubt, as he had done for Kurtley.

There was no conversion, with a score of 21-29 ruling out the possibility of a miracle ending and it would have been best for Wales if the game had ended there. Sadly, there was enough time left for Jonathan Davies to suffer a nasty ankle injury which seems likely to rule him out of the autumn series and beyond.

So, to sum up it was a game where the new Welsh players did themselves no harm. There were no 'star is born' moments but no one looked out of their depth. Steff Evans had the best debut, and the Scarlets influence should make Wales interesting to watch. Prop Rob Evans, amazingly, was one of the most prolific passers of the ball.

Will Wales play Australia again before the World Cup? Apparently they might, in autumn 2018.

Please, WRU, let's give it a miss.
It's the hope that kills you.